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The Minden Hills Community Centre was packed with people out to see the allcandidates meeting on Thursday, Sept. 27. **Every seat** was filled, leaving attendees standing along the sides and back of the room. / **DARREN LUM** Staff

# Crowded house at candidates meeting

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Some 350 people packed the Minden Hills Community Centre to standing-room-only capacity on the evening of Sept. 27 to hear from hopefuls for the upcoming council term.

Hosted by the county's media outlets, the all-candidates meeting was moderated by former Times owner and publisher Jack Brezina.

"I'm looking out in to the crowd tonight, and realizing I'm like every one of you," said mayoral candidate Jarrett Campbell, who owns a trucking and storage business in Minden. "I'm not a politician, I'm not a public speaker.'

Campbell, who noted it was more difficult to be up on stage than it looked, said he wanted to see the township work more for the needs of its residents, and see less red tape for business owners.

Incumbent Mayor Brent Devolin, seeking

his second term on council, touted the accomplishments of council since the last election in 2014.

"We had a broken relationship between our council and municipal staff, a strained relationship with other county politicians, disenfranchised community volunteers and confusion at both the provincial and federal levels dealing with Minden Hills," Devolin said, pointing to accomplishments such as the creation of the township's emergency management plan.

Mayoral candidate Wayne Hancock is a civil engineer who is currently the director of public works for the Township of Cavan Monaghan.

"I am in a position to retire this fall," Hancock said. "If I am elected to be mayor, I will commit any and all hours to do the job presently, and 24/7 if necessary."

"Many taxpayers believe they are getting very little service for their tax dollars paid," Hancock said, adding that the eight per cent

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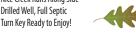
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# Work to commence on arena project

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Work on the reconstruction of the Minden Hills Community Centre and S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena is commencing.

During a Sept. 27 meeting, Minden Hills councillors agreed to send a letter of intent to Ottawa's MacDonald Brothers Construction, formally initiating the project, and to proceed with the "validation phase."

"There are several studies and reports and discovery work that needs to be undertaken, as part of the validation phase," community services director Mark Coleman told council. "The validation phase involves the initial design and a firming up of any cost estimates that were done as part of the original RFP.'

A structural inspection, topographical survey, geotechnical study examining soil composition and other such work will be completed as part of the validation phase.

A request for proposals for the project went out earlier this year and in July, council voted to award the RFP to MacDonald Brothers, the sole company to respond to the request, for a total amount of up to \$10 million. That decision, and the fact a feasibility study was not completed before the contract was awarded, has drawn some criticism from residents.

"I know we often refer to this project as 'renovations,' and we've heard some feedback within the community, that some people may be concerned about the amount of money that council has approved for renovations," Coleman said. "We are not just painting the arena or fixing a couple of block walls. This is a major reconstruction of the arena.'

The project involves additions to the building, including an expanded ice surface, new change rooms, relocated administrative office, a gymnasium with a walking track.

"And improving every accessibility requirement of the facility, life support systems in terms of fire suppression . . . energy efficiency, so, this is impacting 90 per cent or more of the arena structure," Coleman said.

"We are not fixing the arena, as is, this is a much bigger project," he added.

Council approved up to \$140,000 to be spent on the validation phase, and a report with those findings is expected back to the township's new council early in the new year.

In the meantime, a draft contract for the actual construction portion of the project is expected to come before councillors at their Oct. 11 meeting.

Councillor Pam Sayne said she was not prepared to move forward, saying the project should be left to the new council and should include more public input.

"I am not in favour of us doing this at the last minute," Sayne said, as she called for a recorded vote on proceeding with the validation phase. Sayne said she had legal concerns, as council is currently in what is known as a "lame duck" period. "Lame duck" periods occur in election years after nominations have closed (this year that was July 27), and prohibit councils from making certain types of major decisions, including approving expenditures of more than \$50,000.

"If I could speak to a couple of your comments, Councillor Sayne, this project, at every step, has had full solicitor review," Coleman said. He said the fact that council voted in July to award the RFP means the township is in the legal clear to move ahead with the project.

"There are no lame duck issues, we re-confirmed that," Coleman said.

In the recorded vote, all members of council with the exception of Sayne voted to proceed.



# **Orange Shirt Day**

Staff and students were encouraged by the school board to participate in Orange Shirt Day on Sept. 28. The day was inspired by the experience of Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, whose new orange shirt was taken from her when she attended St. Joseph Mission residential school in B.C. as a child. Webstad's story and Orange Shirt Day, according to organizers, "has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually." Pictured left: Some of the ASES staff and students who participated in Orange Shirt Day this year. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



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#### Correction

In the article "Haliburton County Studio Tour: The 31st year," in the Fall Tour section of last week's paper, there were two errors. Sophie Creelman is not a guest on the tour, but has her own studio at 374 Industrial Rd. in Haliburton. Joyce and Peter Emmink are also not guests at another studio, but are located at 1431 Dawson Rd. 2 km north of Maple Lake off North Shore Road.





Trillium Lakelands District School Board invites bids from interested parties for the project listed below:

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Bid documents may be downloaded from https://tldsb.bidsandtenders.ca.

Larry Hope Director of Education

Louise Clodd Chair of the Board

Grade 3 students Ayden Gardiner, left, and Mason Latanville run with a long fish, learning about how different fish cope with certain habitats.





Grade 3 student Matthew Fairey rolls down the hill on top of a tarp, learn how a water source can be contaminated.



### **Learning about water**

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 3 students listen to a volunteer, far right, speak about the contaminants (from agriculture, lawns, rivers and developed areas such as animal waste, nitrogen, dust, pesticides, silt, soil gas and oil) that determine a water source's cleanliness during the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at the Kinark Outdoor Centre in Minden. Close to 1,200 students attended the event, which included 52 interactive activity centres exploring the concepts of water conservation, water attitudes, water technology, water protection and water science. It was offered over two days (one day for one set and another for an additional set) for students from Grade 4 to 6 from schools from all over the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. The festival, which runs with the help of volunteers and students such as the HHSS Leadership students and the outdoor and covered with felt coloured squares, representing contaminants to adventure education students from Fleming College, is a project of Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL) and started in 2005. /DARREN LUM Staff

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# HHHS plans to eliminate \$250K deficit by March 31

by JENN WATT Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed during the Sept. 27 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services

Haliburton Highlands Health Services is working to return to a balanced budget following news of a year-to-date deficit of \$250,000 as of the end of July 2018, finance committee chairman David Gray said during a board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 27.

"This negative position is largely the result of the ongoing operating deficits in our longterm care homes, coupled with the recent change in government that has resulted in a freeze on some of our revenues, as well as the associated increased costs of implementing Bill 148, Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, according to a press release from HHHS.

HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer said the ongoing operating deficit is due to insufficient funding for the corporation's two long-term care homes, which has been an issue for several years.

"It is becoming increasingly challenging each year, as residents' needs are becoming more and more complex, requiring additional resources. Although we have received some increases over the years, they are not sufficient to cover the full amount of rising costs," Plummer told the paper by email.

The freeze on revenues is a result of the recent provincial election. Funding was frozen when the election was called and hasn't yet been lifted. Plummer said HHHS hasn't received a timeline for when money will be

In the board meeting, Gray pointed to two parts of Bill 148 as costing HHHS more: personal emergency leave and statutory holiday pay. In particular, Plummer said personal emergency leave "could cost HHHS over \$160K per year."

An action plan was created by the management team, which the press release states will lead them to reach a balanced position by the end of the fiscal year: March 31, 2019.

"The comprehensive plan is designed to take advantage of the recently announced new investments in LTC [long-term care], leverage and grow revenue and grant funding, and implement rigorous plans to mitigate rising labour costs and control rising repair and supply costs all without impacting services to our community," the statement reads

Gray told the board that on Wednesday, Labour Minister Laurie Scott, who is also the local MPP, said the government was reviewing the Fair Workplaces legislation and meeting with stakeholders.

He also noted that Scott announced the WSIB premium rate for employers would be dropping substantially in 2019, which would be helpful for HHHS.

### Physician recruitment

To properly staff the emergency department in Haliburton, HHHS has had to use locum coverage through recruitment as well as Health Force Ontario's Emergency Department Locum Program.

Medical staff at the Family Health Team helped alleviate pressure of the summer demand in July and August through walk-in

CEO Carolyn Plummer said she was thankful to the physicians for stepping up to help, but indicated there is still a need to enhance recruitment activity.

In her written report, she detailed efforts to date including "working on becoming a primary teaching site for rural family medicine training," lobbying the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for an increase in funding for the department, and working with Haliburton County and advocating for support for a local recruiter.

Haliburton's emergency department receives less funding due to lesser volumes, Plummer explained in an email to the paper following the meeting.

"The overall annual volume in the Haliburton ED [emergency department] is just under the threshold to move to the next funding level (known as level 3). The Minden ED has slightly higher volumes than the Haliburton ED, so it was already over that threshold (i.e., already at level 3) and was receiving more funding," she said.

Both Minden and Haliburton staff their emergency departments at all times, which qualified Minden to move up to the next level, 3A. However, even though Haliburton does the same, the lesser volumes disallowed a new funding level.

### Funding for new nurse

New funding has been confirmed for a Behavioural Supports Ontario nurse position. The nurse will support patients in the emergency department and in-patient unit who have dementia-related behaviour.

This will "better support their return to the community and reduce the time spent waiting in hospital for alternative levels of care," Plummer's written report states.

Plummer told the board that news of this funding was a good sign.

"Some of the freezing of funds is starting to slowly, slowly, slowly lift. This is one area where we did receive some funding in recent weeks. That gives me hope that more will come in the future," she said.

#### Improving customer service

Starting in October, Community Support Services will be changing the way they take calls from the public. Clients who call in will be assessed and directed to appropriate programming and services, rather than being patched through to another service or department.

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# Standing room only

**CHAD INGRAM** 

Reporter

ARRIVED ABOUT 40 minutes early for the Minden Hills all-candidates meeting at the community centre last week, and by no means was I one of the first there. Dozens of people were already milling around, choosing their seats.

The meeting started at 7 p.m., and by 20 minutes to, virtually all the chairs that had been set up in the community centre were full of human beings. By 7, residents had packed the building to standing-room-only and were crowding along the walls.

Clearly, there is a ton of interest in the Minden Hills election, and that's a great thing. Residents are engaged and asked a number of excellent questions during the meeting.

Municipal elections are vitally important. We are choosing the people who will make the decisions

that affect our day-to-day lives for the next four years. I know I've written this before, but one can make the argument that municipal government, while it may not be the most exciting level of government to some, is more important than the upper levels, as it's the level of government we interact with most frequently.

You did it if you used a road today. Thank you to all candidates for putting themselves out there and giving Minden Hills residents so much choice. As one candidate indicated during the meeting last week, it's harder than it looks. Candidates are spending their time, and money, subjecting themselves to judgment and criticism along the way, in hopes of getting a job that many residents would never want. Thank you.

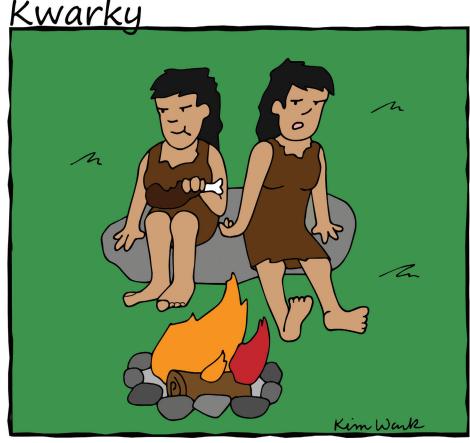
A few issues emerged as dominant ones during last week's meeting, none of them surprising. One is housing, a subject that came up in the opening remarks of many candidates, and was the topic of a number of questions from the crowd.

The township, like the rest of those in the county, is in chronic need of affordable housing. Not just affordable housing in the traditional sense of subsidized housing units for low-income individuals (although we do need more of that), but housing that is affordable for local people to buy; whether that be a single detached home for a young family,

or a condominium for an aging couple. There is a very clear appetite for alternate forms of housing such as tiny homes, and members of the next council will need to be creative and open-minded in forming solutions for the community's housing shortage.

Also unsurprising was that waste management and problems plaguing the Scotch Line landfill were mentioned several times during the candidates meeting. Yes, it's true that as a community we must do a better job at recycling, sorting and diverting waste, but ultimately, the township needs to do a much better job managing its landfills. One candidate suggested bringing the operation of the landfills – a service that in Minden Hills has been contracted out for a number of years – back in house, and perhaps that is something that should be considered.

The reconstruction of the arena and the community centre, the project's price tag and the fact the project has been awarded to a lone bidder also came up numerous times during the meeting, and, as council forges ahead with the project, the controversy surrounding it may prove a political liability for incumbents.



"Basic survival is boring. I want complicated."

# Gun cleaning myths debunked

HEN I WAS A KID, I saw part of a murder mystery movie in which a man claimed he shot his friend accidentally while cleaning his gun. I stopped watching it then and there. You see, I like realism in movies and clearly the screenwriter had never cleaned a gun.

If he had, he would have realized that guns are unloaded before cleaning and the only way someone could be killed during gun cleaning would be if they were clubbed to death after providing unwanted advice on what

part went where during reassembly.

Every good gun cleaning starts with the best intentions. We initially decide to wipe down the exterior and action and run a patch through the barrel, knowing that's all that's really required.

The problem is we can't leave well enough alone.

We quickly decide that if the exterior of the gun was that dirty, the interior is probably so much worse.

Then, we take our guns down right to the last part. Soon, however, the gun owner wakes from a foggy haze and realizes that this scattered group of parts has to go back together too.

Is putting a gun back together difficult? No, but reading the manual is.

Reading a manual is so difficult that we leave them at home in a drawer filled with all the other unread things – which also happen to be manuals.

What follows is only slightly less complex than solving a Rubik's Cube.

I watched this last week at duck camp when my son, against my strong advisement, decided to take his shotgun right down to the last screw to clean it thoroughly mid-week. He had four experienced hunters around him who owned the same shotgun model for a combined total of 100 years or more. Each professed expertise at disassembling and reassembling the gun

Despite listening to their other stories for the last few days, my son believed them.

A few things should have provided clues that this was not a good idea. For one thing, not one of them had brought

that particular gun to camp.

For another, as they took it apart they said things like, "Oh, so that's where that part goes" or "I remember when mine used to look like that." Most tellingly, they referred to their guns in the past tense.

By the time it was over, each provided entertaining and conflicting accounts of how the shotgun should be reassembled. Arguments broke

out. Complex theories were floated. Explanations were suggested as to why the breech block and firing pin should face rearward. There was even a vigorous debate as to whether the barrel was a necessary part.

I finally looked it up on YouTube and found several good videos that clearly explained reassembly. Then we got his shotgun back together in less than five minutes.

Interestingly, each of the four hunters insisted we did it wrong citing the facts that a) the gun worked perfectly and b) there were no leftover parts.

Each of them also approached later and asked me to send them the YouTube link. If you ask me, there should have been a clubbing.



STEVE GALEA

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# **INOTHER**WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

# Of mice and mice traps

THERE IS A MOUSE population explosion this year. Everyone I have talked to reports their traps clicking and clacking on a regular basis. My own traps are singing loudly and more often than in recent years.

The worst thing that can happen during a mouse outbreak is encountering the critters nose to nose. And, my nose met a mouse nose the other day.

I am not frightened by mice, but it was disconcerting when I opened a cupboard door and found one staring at me. Bulbous, penetrating eyes locked onto me demanding: "Who are you and why are you here interrupting my

I don't have any government studies or statistics to report how bad this year's outbreak is. I don't really care about the numbers. One mouse is one mouse too many.



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

Mice are believed to have a population cycle of four years. Their numbers hit a peak on Year Four then drop drastically before beginning a new cycle. The last major outbreak in Ontario was in 2014.

Milder winters and warm and dry summers also can be factors in increasing mouse populations. Mice are really into love making and breed as many as 10 times a year, producing six to eight offspring each time.

Mice are cute in photos. They can be dangerous, however, especially in cottage country. Deer mice, the species found in cottage country, carry

Hantavirus which causes serious respiratory disease in humans.

Small numbers of deer mice carrying Hantavirus have been found in northern Ontario, including Algonquin Park.

Hantavirus in humans is relatively rare. Health Canada reports three or four cases a year across the country. However, it is out there being spread by mice and it can be extremely debilitating, even causing death.

Hantavirus is most commonly spread through mouse urine and droppings. The greatest danger to humans is in cleaning mouse-infested areas by vacuuming or sweeping, or other forms of raising dust. The virus is in the dust, which is inhaled into the lungs.

Experts caution that mouse messes should be cleaned with extreme care and face masks and rubber gloves always worn. After clean-up, the area should be washed with a strong disinfectant.

Keeping mice out of a building is near impossible. They will find entry through the smallest crack or cranny.

Trapping is the most effective, albeit often unpleasant, solution to mouse

There are dozens of different mouse traps, many touted by their manufacturers as magic solutions to mouse problems. The absolute best in my view is one that you make yourself.

It is the rolling log mice bucket. You drill holes on each side of a bucket rim and run a piece of dowel through the holes. Partly fill the bucket with water and coat the underside of the dowel with peanut butter.

Place the bucket in a spot where mice can climb onto the dowel. They walk the dowel, lean over to get the peanut butter, the dowel rolls and they tumble into the water and drown.

Car windshield washer or anything containing some alcohol can be used instead of straight water to slow the rotting of the dead mice. It also can prevent freezing if the bucket is used in an unheated area during winter. (Do not use washer fluid around children or pets. It is poisonous.)

The beauty of the rolling log bucket trap is that you never have to touch a dead mouse. Just dump the bucket, refill and reload and it is ready to trap more of the little beasts.

Mouse poison is not a good idea. Poisoned mice will crawl behind walls or other hidden spots and rot, spreading horrible odours.

Also, poisoned mice can get outside where they are easy targets for birds of prey such as owls, hawks and eagles. When these birds consume a poisoned mouse they are a getting dose of poison.

Some people on my lake have noticed an increase in raptors this year. One cottager has reported seeing three young bald eagles and in fact has a photo of one.

An increase in the number of birds of prey might be connected to the increase in mouse populations. These are magnificent birds and we need to do whatever we can to keep their populations safe.

Let them eat mice (unpoisoned)!

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# The ward system

To the Editor,

letters to the editor

The ward system became a reality in 2000 with the Amalgamation of the Township of Minden Hills. The system was necessary then to combine the three councils as each had a reeve, deputy reeve, councillors, clerk, etc. reducing those positions to one council for that election. Now, 14 years later since that election's four-year span can we not have an "at large" election, eliminating the wards, next time? Canning Lake, where I am a permanent resident, is divided down the middle of the lake between the former Snowdon and Minden Townships. Are my concerns not the same as those across the lake from me? There are many excellent candidates running for council in Ward 1 whom I would love to support but in the ward system I am not able to cast my vote there. I can only vote for Ward 3 councillors. Some think

the little areas of the township would not be heard from in a non-ward system. All candidates in this election should be looking at the "big picture" as your concerns were all the same at the candidates meeting. You would have a voice at the council meetings where your concerns should be brought forward no matter who you were representing. The fear of reducing the number of councillors could be solved by having a vote for five "councillors at large."

Those who chose to be a candidate in this election should be applauded not scorned as it is a 24/7 job at the mercy of the citizens with their many problems or concerns. Thank you, candidates, for putting yourselves "out there!" Our job now is to VOTE!

> Lois Rigney **Canning Lake, Township of Minden Hills**

# Health unit to present drug strategy in Minden next week

newly-renamed Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy has released results of a community survey involving 600+ residents and service providers in Haliburton County, the City of Kawartha Lakes, and Northumberland County. The roadmap - entitled HKLN Community Priorities Report 2018 – captures public concerns in the three counties about substance userelated harm and lists priorities on how to better address these concerns.

In the report, respondents identify these key local priorities: promoting community safety, improving strategies to deal with impaired driving, providing support to children and youth, and creating more services and supports for those dealing with substance-use addictions.

People can access the full HKLN Community Priorities Report 2018 online at the Drug Strategy website (www.hklndrugstrategy.ca) or by emailing coordinator@hklndrugstrategy.ca. Local residents can also learn more in person at an upcoming community presentation:

• In Minden on Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena (Community Room 2) located at 55 Parkside Street.

"To our knowledge, this is the first time such a broad survey has been completed in Northumberland, Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes to better understand people's attitudes and perceptions about substance use in their area," says Megan Deyman, the co-ordinator of the HKLN Drug Strategy. "The roadmap is very timely because it provides a starting point for conversation on how the community might collectively respond to the harms associated with substance use, especially at a time when many of our communities are dealing with an unprecedented number of opioid-related overdoses and preparing for cannabis legalization happening in October 2018."

"The local HKLN Drug Strategy, originally known as HKPR, was renamed earlier this month to more clearly reflect the area it serves," Deyman adds. Such drug strategies are common across Ontario and are tailored to each community's needs based on public input. To reduce harm associated with alcohol, drugs and the use of prescription medication not as prescribed, the drug strategy focuses on four main areas: harm reduction, prevention and education, treatment, and justice and enforcement.

"The strength of a regional drug strategy like ours is that it includes all aspects of substance use, and brings together many different groups, wearing many different hats, all seeking solutions," says Catherine MacDonald, substances and harm reduction co-ordinator at the health unit. "We also encourage local residents to get involved in the drug strategy, either by reading the report online or coming out to one of the community presentations.

Locally, nearly 50 organizations are involved in the local drug strategy, including police services, fire departments, EMS personnel, Health Unit staff, communitybased agencies, treatment services, pharmacists, Family Health Teams, youth and social service agencies, mental health groups, and concerned individuals.

"Fourcast is pleased to be part of the HKPR Drug Strategy and we have been impressed by the community interest and input in the development of this strategy. The recommendations and insights provide an exceptional starting point to move forward in our communities to reducing the harms of substance use," says Donna Rogers, executive director at Four Counties Addiction Services Team (Fourcast).

The local drug strategy is being funded through the Grow Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, with the specific purpose of engaging small communities and diverse groups to improve community life.

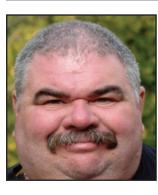
The *Minden Times* sent the following five questions to the candidates for Minden Hills council.

- 1. Provide an introduction to yourself. (This could be about how you came to the area, your hobbies and interests, family life, education, accomplishments.)
- 2. What is the most important issue facing Minden Hills today? As a council member, how would you address that issue?
- 3. Local housing advocates say less than 13 per cent of housing stock in Minden Hills is rental. They raise concern that not enough rental housing is available for the "missing middle" renters (those who would not qualify for social housing, but cannot afford much of what is on the market). What can be done to create more rental units for those who do not qualify for social housing?
- 4. Minden Hills is working on a downtown revitalization plan for the village of Minden. What should the township be doing to attract more investment and visitors to Minden's

downtown core?

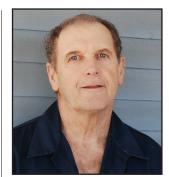
5. The township recently entered into an agreement where it will pay up to \$10 million for an upgrade of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Minden Hills Community Centre. Is this the right project for the community? What should have been done differently?

Here are the responses from the candidates for Ward 1. Election day is Oct. 22.



Richard
Bradley
Candidate Councillor Ward 1

- asserted that for 15 years our riding has not been adequately funded by the previous government and now it's time for the new government to correct it. At the federal level we are going to have to work with our MP Jamie Schmale to help us achieve the goal. Our job as a municipal council is to provide the facts, work with the local advocacy groups, apply for and lobby to secure the funding we need to increase the number of affordable rental units in Minden and the county. We also need to assist in the process by providing land and funding as we are able and have done recently with the Pinegrove Place development.
- 4. For many years Minden has been in transition with highway 35 seeing increased business development continuing while the downtown area has not. There have been some changes of course with some businesses opening and subsequently moving to other places and unfortunately some of them closing down. The Beer Store, after a trial run, moved to the highway and in the fullness of time I expect to see the LCBO follow suit. While the change in location of the Beer Store from downtown might not have been seen as a good news story at the time, seeing the Boshkung Brewing Company take over the space has been a positive result. While some types of businesses may seek the high traffic opportunities of the highway others, like our newest eatery, prefer to locate closer to the parking and other amenities that the downtown area of town provides. I think we need to continue to encourage businesses to establish themselves in both the Minden downtown area as well as the Highway 35 corridor as I do not see it as a one versus the other scenario; more successful businesses are good for Minden regardless of their address.
- 5. The S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and the attached Minden Hills Community Centre are very important to the community and they both need work as most will agree. As we have seen in Haliburton and other communities many arenas have been operated beyond their best before dates and have required significant upgrades to the ice chilling systems as well as the physical plant of the buildings. Sometimes those facilities have been allowed to deteriorate into crisis situations that included unscheduled closings and entire seasons without an ice rink. Thankfully in Minden we have not yet reached that situation. The required commitment of approximately \$6.5 million was pretty much established as required while the additional \$3.5 million of enhancements were not and much to the chagrin of many there is no attached pool. The project was approved by council at the last possible minute, which was in fact within their powers to do, but I have heard from many that they are not happy with when it was done and the fact that there was only one bidder. Could the decision have been delayed, should the project have been re-tendered, what was the rush before an election, why not include a pool with the enhancements? These are all valid concerns that I have heard from around town. The new council is going to have to make their own tough decisions, regarding this project and others that are ongoing to best fulfill their responsibilities to the taxpayers of Minden Hills and the needs and wants of the entire community.



Clayton
Cameron
Candidate –
Councillor Ward 1

- 1. I have lived on the Scotch Line Road for 32 years. I have 28 years of Public Works experience, 16 of which were in Minden Hills, responsible for roads, landfill, water/sewer, parks and recreation and cemeteries. I also have 22 years on local council, 19 years on Somerville Township (now part of City of Kawartha Lakes) and 3 years of which were on Minden Hills council from 2004 to 2006. I have a university degree in science from Guelph University, graduated in 1976. I am now retired and am confident that my experience and knowledge would be an asset at the council table.
- 2. I think the most important issue facing Minden Hills is the status of the private septic systems in the township. If we lose our waterfront properties to pollution we have nothing left. There is a way to set up an inspection program to identify polluting properties and have them cleaned up. We need the right plan, implemented in the right way to ensure the continued use of our lakes.
- 3. Housing has always been the responsibility of the upper tier (County) and the Province. This is not the time for the Townships to be expanding their mandate and getting involved in housing.
- 4. Downtown revitalization is an uphill battle. Council needs to be aware of the possible uses for the downtown and how changes and upgrades can be accommodated to allow the entrepreneurial spirit to thrive and grow. There have been some recent upgrades on the main street that are a benefit to the whole community.
- 5. To the best of my knowledge the arena upgrade has been approved and a contract awarded. There was considerable effort expended to come up with a proposal to move forward. It will be difficult to stop the process at this late date. There may be some savings to be had on the project to reduce the cost. To keep people coming to the area you must offer some kind of service. Hopefully once visitors have seen the area they will come back again. It was unfortunate that council approved the project just before the lame duck status took effect. It raises suspicions about the process.

ily first spent many summers visiting the Minden area before purchasing land and building in 1954. We moved to Minden from Toronto in 2001 because we wanted to raise our family here. In my work I am required to negotiate and interpret contract language as well as various legislation; a transferable skill to the work of a councilor. I have served on the Minden Cemetery Committee, participated in the successful campaign to save the childcare centre from closure, helped lead the effort to save the Minden Service Ontario location when it was slated for closure and in April of this year I asked our new Premier Doug Ford to assist Minden in applying pressure to the Federal Government to change the mandate of the Trent/Severn Waterway to make flood mitigation the primary purpose, while ensuring that the system remains navigable through the boating season becomes secondary. The Premier did give me his word that he would help Minden achieve that goal. I intend to hold him to his word. I have stood up for Minden, I will continue to stand up for Minden and as your councilor I will stand up for you. In Ward 1 you have two votes and I am asking you for one of those votes on October 2. Flooding!!! Minden can't become known as the town

1. The most important roles in my life are my family life

as a husband, father, grandfather, son and brother. My fam-

- that floods. If this becomes our reputation people may stop considering Minden as a place to buy property or even visit. The banks may not want to provide mortgages and insurance rates may rise. As I stated above, we need to secure mandate change for the Trent/Severn waterway to make flood mitigation the primary focus of the system and navigable water levels secondary. While we are a part of the feeder system for the Trent/Severn waterway, which means the river is part of a managed water system we are also affected by the Orillia Power Generation Dam. This means that one system is controlling water for the Trent; the other system is adjusting the flow and levels based on when it is most lucrative to generate electricity. As a result our river that is controlled by two different systems is not always deep enough for our liking. We need to find a balance with both systems so our managed waterway remains controlled and navigable so that whatever your pleasure you are going to be able to pursue it and still be able to get back to the dock. Another water related issue is the Municipal water system and its rates. The users of the system must pay for the system by law; however this has resulted in some residents paying more for their water than they do their property taxes. I believe a full review of the system needs to be done to keep the costs as reasonable as possible while keeping the water safe and abiding by all of the provincial regulations.
- 3. I believe that affordable housing is the most important key to poverty reduction and rental housing is a problem, a problem we are not going to be able to address on our own. We are going to need the help of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federal Government as well as the County of Haliburton to step up and provide much of the funding. During the Provincial election our MPP Laurie Scott



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# CANDIDATE Q&A - MINDEN HILLS



Bob Carter Candidate -Councillor Ward 1

1. My name is Bob Carter and I am running for council in Ward 1 of Minden Hills.

In 2013 my wife, Nell Thomas, and I moved to Minden from our farm outside Guelph. We wanted to return to the land of lakes, rocks, and trees where Nell could devote her energy to rural family medicine, and we could live in a small town community. Minden Hills has been a perfect fit for our lifestyle and passions.

I contribute to the community in several ways.

As a HHHS volunteer driver I am privileged to chauffeur clients to often distant medical appointments, and have learned about the local history, geography and lives of the people, gaining an appreciation for the unique challenges experienced by many residents.

I am active in and now serve as President of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization.

Challenges on the lake led me to engage with Minden Hills and Dysart councils.

To work on local needs, I joined the Minden Hills Planning and Development Committee and the Housing Task Force.

Through these endeavors, I am now passionate about what I see and hear from others are the biggest needs in our

I studied Computer Science and Business Administration, first at Concordia University and then at McGill. Over several decades I have worked in various executive roles in a number of different industries, but mostly I ran Information Technology and Engineering Departments. I have extensive experience working with teams of people with different skills to develop cost effective strategies to solve complicated problems. I have done this locally and internationally. I have learned that listening to people's needs and understanding their problems are key to achieving success. I understand the importance of trust (that people know you will do what you say you will do) and I always strive to balance the needs of individuals with the common good.

I am running for council because this is the community is work to be done here to optimize our future. I have the time, energy, skills, ideas and commitment to do the job.

My key goals are:

Revitalizing the economy of our town.

Protecting the lakes that are the lifeblood of our community.

Developing appropriate and critically needed housing.

Establishing responsible taxation and spending.

Improving infrastructure and availability of services.

Ensuring transparent government.

In our spare time you can find us hiking, snowshoeing or boating with our two dogs, enjoying this wonderful countryside.

2. I believe that the single most important issue is the lack of appropriate housing in the township. The need extends across seniors, families and singles. As a volunteer driver for HHHS I meet many seniors who are isolated in their rural homes and wish they could live closer to other people, services and shopping. Many businesses find it difficult to attract workers to the area because there is not suitable housing accommodation. We have long waiting lists for assisted housing in the township.

Question 3 is also about nousing so I will address it further there.

In my mind housing is the most important issue but we cannot look at it in isolation. Transportation is closely linked to housing. People need transportation to get to their doctors, the grocery stores, their work places, etc. Therefore, we must incorporate transportation when we are planning and building housing.

Housing and transportation are key factors in the economic development of our town. To have a vibrant community and to service the needs of residents and visitors, we need places to live and means to travel around.

I applaud the work that many have done in developing plans for economic development, transportation, community improvement, etc., but now is the time for council to bring these efforts together so that we have coordinated development.

I will also work to ensure that our town plan and our bylaws support these efforts.

3. As I stated in question 2 we have a shortage of almost all types of housing (expensive lakefront cottages being the exception). The problem is particularly acute here but it exists in many areas of the province. That fact is important because developers & builders are not motivated to come to Minden when they have potential projects much closer to their homes.

I believe that we are going to have to get started on our own. The Housing Task Force identified what we need. Now we must build it.

One of the key areas to any project is financial resources. I have done substantial research into Community Bonds. Community Bonds are like conventional bonds, but they always have a social or environmental return in addition to a financial return. Community Bonds are used to support local projects that benefit the community. Many projects, including housing projects, in Peterborough, Guelph, Toronto, and across Canada have been developed with Community Bonds. They give people a chance to invest in their own communities and promote local economic development.

Community Bonds are an excellent way for us to finance the development of mixed housing for residents of all ages and economic ability. Many individuals in the community have already asked me how they can help, and this will be a key area of focus for me.

4. The first thing we need is an overall plan of what we want to accomplish over the next ten years. We have many initiatives that need to be coordinated. Visitors will come to a vibrant community that offers parkland, shops, restaurants, cafés, services, etc. Investors will invest where there is a market and a potential for return.

We need a town plan, bylaws and staff that spell out where we are going and that make it easy for investors to understand what they need to do. We need to have workers who will work in the businesses. And we need to ensure that we develop with visitors in mind, but with a priority to the needs of the permanent residents.

I think we also need to focus on and learn from our existing business owners and entrepreneurs. They have the experience and know what works in our community and we should encourage and help them to grow their businesses and start new

I believe the town is in the process of hiring somebody where my family lives and where we will grow old, and there to lead these efforts. That is an excellent start as we need to promote the township and all it has to offer to visitors and

> 5. I know that many good people worked long hours on this project. A community centre and a recreational/exercise facility are important assets to the township. I did not see all the surveys and studies, but I believe that there is a need for this type of facility.

> When you have this type of facility ongoing maintenance and upgrades are necessary. We must ensure that this facility will not fall behind resulting in another major investment.

> I do not have all the facts, but I strongly believe that having a single bid on a project of this magnitude is a problem. I realize that there are special circumstances, but whenever you only have one bidder, that is a "red flag" that there is something wrong with your process. On a project of this magnitude I would have re-opened the bidding to get more bids. I realize this would be disappointing to many, and a frustrating delay, but we must be prudent with our expenditures.





**Jennifer** Hughey
Candidate – Councillor Ward 1

1. Born in Peterborough, raised in Minden, I spent 15 years in the GTA/Durham before returning to the Highlands three years ago. I'm 36 years old and have two not-so-little girls, eight and five (going on 16), attending Archie Stouffer Elementary – the same school I went to when I was little.

I graduated from Hal High with honours, and headed to the big smoke to complete a journalism honours degree at Ryerson University. Living in Toronto for a decade was an experience, to be sure, working for Rogers Media before moving back in 2015. I took the editor role at The Highlander for nearly a year and then started my own media business, where I now work from my home.

I was recently appointed to the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Task Force, am currently a member of the township's Events Planning Committee and sit on the Culinary Tourism Task Force at the county level. I am passionate about the Minden Housing Task Force, am a Friend of the Haliburton County Public Library director, an ASES volunteer, and a photographer/committee member of the Minden Terry Fox Run. I believe my community involvement speaks for itself and I really enjoy doing it.

2. There are a few important issues facing Minden Hills today, and will continue to into the four-year-term. But the most important issue that I feel very strongly about is how we promote the municipality's heritage and the dynamic of our vibrant, small town economy that continues to attract new ventures, and support existing business owners while ensuring that residents have a high quality of life and access to our natural environment.

This is part of why I applied to be on the CIP Task Force. We need to bring people into the downtown, encourage business owners to invest in Minden – as we know most are already - as it's really trying to thrive and succeeding now in so many areas.

However, when you add to that very little access to public transportation and the soon-to-be extreme lack of senior accommodation options in town or close to it – you begin to see it's not just one issue. As a council member, I would want to review these issues and discuss what may or may not be working, how we can evaluate other examples of municipalities experiencing these same issues; discuss and learn from one another through partnering on best practices. AND how we can include the community in the process.

3. This issue affected our family directly, upon moving back to the area. As a family of four with a pet, our choices were extremely limited and it was luck that landed us a place for the first two years. There are many suggested solutions and if any of them could come to fruition, we would gain from it. There are properties which could be used to clear and build rental housing to accommodate the missing middle. Or even be seen as investment opportunities for existing business owners to expand, potentially. With properties similar in size that would accommodate a structure like the Newcastle Street apartment building already available - we wouldn't have to wait to discuss and begin.

We know there are options like tiny homes, houses made of shipping containers and senior campuses that have been presented to our community only a few short months ago. These options are not foreign to Minden Hills, if we look at Hunter Creek Estates or The Wood. People are successfully living in tiny homes already and it's not a shock that they accommodate well. One of these campus-style residences – with access to downtown within walking distance or scooter distance, or a cost-effective transit option from the campus to downtown would greatly benefit our municipality.

4. I believe in focusing on improving community through planning for future opportunities. Things like an innovation

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hub for social entrepreneurs that would attract and retain | young professionals. A revitalization and continued support for the DBIA, with a greater emphasis on downtown events that bring people to the main street core and what it will offer business or property owners in the intended radius.

Access to grants and loans for those interested in improving the façade of their building or those who know their store's heritage and want to preserve that history by investing in the CIP program to help do so. New ideas and fresh thinking that will promote and sustain the downtown is integral moving forward.

With that, I also feel strongly about the missing welcome to Minden for patrons and visitors – all we have is a sign directing people into the "business section". We need revitalization that promotes our local arts and culture. What about a vibrant mural, like the one on the side of Boshkung Social, or the former mural from the Organic Times? Using that talent that has become known to our little town and create a sign that directs people into the beautiful Merry Minden. Projecting our downtown as something not to be missed will allow for more economic stability as we bring tourism onto Bobcaygeon to disperse more effectively into our business section.

5. It's a great project for any community, to revitalize their current assets or build on what already is successful in the township. As a journalist, however, there were many questions where the answers should have been a bit more forthcoming to the public.

For example, there were a LOT of different companies who were sent the RPF and only one offered to do the project? Why did the other 17 reject the offer? Why is it so expensive compared to other projects done in neighbouring communities we keep reading about? My goal would be to recommend and support council re-open this issue to examine this issue, to ensure it is the best route for residents. Why didn't we consult Haliburton directly to determine what they paid to have their ice surface upgraded? Ultimately, what should have been done differently is committee and council should have taken more time to decide.



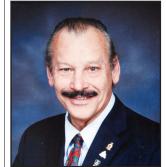
Rob Luke Candidate -Councillor Ward 1

- 1. I moved to the Highlands in 1963 with my parents and we created and ran Luke's Marina (now Kushog Lake Marine). After the business was sold we relocated to Minden and I worked at Minto Marine as a mechanic; at the same time I started as a volunteer ambulance attendant with the Minden service. After 2 years as a volunteer, acquiring my accreditation, I then worked as a full-time Paramedic for 2 years. In a few years I became the Manager/Supervisor for the Minden ambulance service, and when the Minden and Haliburton services amalgamated, I became the manager for Haliburton County Emergency Services. During that time I worked closely with Minden council and have a clear understanding of the dynamics of the municipal process, funding, and budgeting. At an opportune moment, I transferred to Lindsay Paramedics and after a few years became the Manager of Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, and Fenelon Falls until the service closed in 2003. I have worked in a variety of places since then, doing a variety of jobs allowing me to meet many wonderful people. Minden is a wonderful community and I enjoy living
- 2. There are many issues that are important to a lot of people depending on their situation and needs. One of those items is affordable housing both to develop and to rent. We need a municipal initiative that would attract developers to create housing developments; and to identify areas where this could take place.
- 3. Developments geared to accommodate people that want to get into their first home; and for people that need decent rental units that currently are not available. We need to get rid of the red tape. This is a deterrent to any developer that tries

to address the rental or housing problem. We need to be able to streamline and expedite the paperwork/application process so we can promote this type of development now. Rental accommodation is a basic need not a want. We need a plan that would assist any developer to work with local groups to put together a long term plan that would provide the type of units that are most versatile.

- 4. I believe a CIP was being considered for the downtown area for revitalization and we must consider a plan for more than just the downtown core. Our downtown goes through ups and downs, and from personal experience survival on the main street is dependent upon tourism; and that can ebb and flow depending on the economy and time of year. Revitalization isn't just about making it look nice, it needs to be a destination; give people a reason to come. There are business owners currently putting in great effort and money to try and make this happen and I applaud them. However, a broader plan is required to bring investment dollars back into our area, we need more businesses. We have an industrial area with no services and most people don't know it is there (see if you can
- 5. I believe the plans were done with good intentions but I disagree with starting the project with only one bidder. We need to look at Minden as a business; expansion (more businesses), maintenance (of our existing features and attractions), storefront appearance (how do we look and present

One of the most important aspects of business is getting more than one quote for a project. If you get more than one, and one pulls out you are not left without options. Not shopping around and checking out all options and possible innovations is simply not wise. Look at what other communities have, and if you like it, ask them who their developer was. There are many ways in which to get bids on a project and I don't think this council explored them all.



**Dwight** Thomas Candidate -Councillor Ward 1

1. My family owned a gas station & restaurant stop on highway 17 between two small hamlets of Deux Rivieres and Bissett Creek. I attended a one room school in the latter village and our school bus was a 1940-something Ford station wagon. It was an idyllic life for a child. We moved to Minden around 1960.

When we moved here I continued my education at Minden Public School. Interestingly, Grades 3 and 4 were located in St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, where Mrs. Shaver taught both classes. Then it was off to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School where I joined some clubs and was Student Council President in Grade 13. I continued my education at Carleton University and Georgian College. I'm a long time member of the Minden Curling Club & the Masonic Lodge. I'm also a director of the Minden Agricultural Society and a member of Councils Community Services Advisory Committee. In the past, I was a member of the Minden Minor Hockey Association involved in team and board activities. My hobbies include curling, trains and reading. I began and ended my Ambulance career in Minden while also working the Services in Huntsville and Fenelon Falls. I was honoured with the Dr. Norman McNally Award for bravery in the line of duty in 1980. And last year I was proud to accept the Governor General's Medal for exemplary service at a gala in Ottawa.

As for letting my name stand for election, I've always been interested in Political Science. During my formative years, politics was considered a higher calling in representing your fellow citizens. I still believe in that and I am prepared to offer such an approach.

2. The most pressing issues facing Minden Hills are a combination of social issues ie: housing, jobs and health care. We see a number of jobs unfilled and there is consternation as to why that occurs. Perhaps the qualifications required can not be fulfilled. Perhaps some people don't need to work. There are a lot of retired folks here. Or, perhaps, our social services provide a good safety net. The benefits of taking a minimum wage job might actually leave people with a lower net income. In other words, they can't afford to work. Health care – in the classic sense-is depleted in Minden Hills. We have a wonderful hospital in Minden, serving up the finest emergency care in any community of a similar size. But we have a dearth of family physicians. We must do everything we can to encourage General Practitioners to set up practices here in Minden. And we, like most communities, are dealing with the scourge of hard drugs. It is sad that idleness can lead to various forms of escapism. And, to a degree, lead to addiction. It's troubling to see good people falling down that slippery slope.

So what are we to do? There is no silver bullet and we are chagrined with these issues. But a united council with dogged determination and partnership with those affected can put forward ideas and pursue them with our Provincial Officials. As you know both the Provincial and Federal Governments have substantial stakes in all municipalities.

- 3. Tiny homes is an interesting proposition. But I wouldn't build them all together. This may, down the road, attach an unfair social stigma which would be unnecessary and unwanted. Perhaps planning and bylaws could be reviewed that may provide for a second residential structure on the same lot but capped at a certain square footage. Mixed-used housing could also be explored. Perhaps with our Kawartha Lakes partners we could access a long-term solution. I'm willing to explore these options.
- 4. I'm going to wait and see what this revitalization plan for Minden comes up with. It's in its early stages and I'd look forward to be involved. I want my hometown to be attractive and inviting to all people. Perhaps a vacant commercial building tax would encourage owners to do something constructive with their properties. I also think a business persons association could be revived. Council should take the lead on this on a permanent basis until such time as the association is on solid ground. The township could take on a supportive role at that time.
- 5. I am a member of the Minden Hills Community Services Advisory Committee. A sub-committee called the Arena Task force visited local arenas and spoke with elected officials and staff about the pros and cons of their updated and/or new builds. As a member of this sub-committee I travelled further afield to look at facilities in other parts of our province. One new build arena/community center cost approximately \$10-\$12 to erect some 7 years ago. It includes a gymnasium/ exercise facility. They approached the local YM/YWCA with a proposal. They would lease that area-nominal \$1/yr. if the Y would equip the area and run programs for all age groups. A novel idea and it accepted. At a meeting which included our CAO/Treasurer and some council members we reviewed the three options we had: A) minor renovations, B) major renovations, C) new build. We decided that option B would be the wisest financial investment for the township. We made this recommendation to council. As we had fulfilled our mandate, the sub-committee was disbanded. A new Arena Building Task Force would be struck. I expressed the view that somebody from our sub-committee should be on the new committe to provide continuity. I don't believe that happened.

My opinion was that we build a new arena/community center complex. That could cost anywhere from \$10-\$15 million. At that time, the Bank of Canada prime lending rate was 1/4 of one percent (0.25%). I doubted that money to borrow could be acquired at a better rate (if ever). It could be debentured over a 25-30 year period or over a lesser time frame if appropriate. I recalled the treasurer saying that the only debt on the Township's books would be paid off by July of this year. That being Nature's Place.

Since then, the new committee has added a gymnasium/activity center with a walking track. This has boosted the cost to about \$10 million. A three week RFP (Request for Proposals) and a single source contract was approved by council. As I was not involved in this, I am unable to comment.



# CANDIDATE Q&A - MINDEN HILLS



Ron Nesbitt Candidate -Councillor at large

Editor's Note: Last week, the Minden Times featured responses from John Teljeur, the other candidate in the race for councillor at large. At that time, Ron Nesbitt's responses were not available.

1. Hello, I am Ron Nesbitt born in Haliburton. Married to my wonderful wife for 51 years. We have two kids, 10 grand kids and 6 great grand kids. I am a seventh dan black belt in

Shorin-Ryer karate and National Director for all of Canada. I am retired from Ford of Canada, St. Thomas, Ont., 31 years. I am a Mason and a Shriner. I was chairman for United Way of Greater London, Ont.. We moved back to Minden in 2000. I am involved in many things with our beautiful town. I have been on the Terry Fox Committee for 13 years. Worked and still support the food bank. Minden Hills is one of the greatest and most giving places I've ever lived. I am always here to help where I can.

- 2. I think affordable housing and environmental issues. With affordable housing we need to be looking at phase #2 at the arena. Plus a place by itself for tiny houses. Maybe turning big homes into two apartments etc. Maybe have more meeting to get ideas from the people of the area. We need to keep our lakes and rivers clean and get the thousands of seagulls removed as they cause a lot of damage to our water with all of their droppings. Not an easy task but could be
  - 3. I think I touched on this in question 2.

- 4. More signage off Hwy 35. Have a downtown rental area with washrooms. A hub of sorts where tourists and residents could park and walk and shop. Get rid of eyesores like the old theatre and they could get info on library, cultural centre etc.
- 5. With the arena in disrepair, we got together with a task force and we have some good people on this group. The ice plant was falling apart and was out dated. Need to update lights for energy efficiency. Need to improve accessibility, safety and fire suppression system. Need new and better dressing rooms. Move the CSD offices to the front of building. Replace masonry walls, roof brine piping, better seating, bigger ice pad. Repair flashing and caulking, HRV unit, ceiling insulation blanket, manual transfer switch, seating and dashing boards, flooring and finishings. Upgrade kitchen completely as it was in real bad shape and would not have passed safety and food inspection. The ten million dollars is less as we the town gets back all taxes on the ten million.

# CANDIDATE Q&A - ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

The Minden Times sent the following questions to candidates for Algonquin Highlands council.

- 1. Provide an introduction to yourself. (This could be about how you came to the area, your hobbies and interests, family life, education, accomplishments.)
- 2. What is the most important issue facing Algonquin Highlands today? As a council member, how would you address that issue?
- 3. Algonquin Highlands is a municipality with few settlement areas, with Carnarvon located in Minden Hills, and half of Dorset located in Lake of Bays township. Given the lack of towns and villages within the municipality, how can councillors go about fostering economic development throughout the township?
- 4. As more people retire to what have been their seasonal residences, they expect certain services and some of the conveniences of home to be available - reliable internet, for example. How can the township go about helping to ensure these services exist?
- 5. Explain how climate change is impacting Algonquin Highlands, and what council can do to help mitigate its

Below are the responses from Ward 1 and 3 candidates. Ward 2 councillors – Lisa Barry and Liz Danielsen – were acclaimed. Mayor Carol Moffatt was acclaimed, but has chosen to also answer the questions.

The municipal election is Oct. 22. Contact your local municipality for questions and details about voting.



David Lawson Candidate -Councillor Ward 1

extreme: sometimes more rain, sometimes drier, the winters seem to be getting warmer, we have to make sure that decisions that are made are environmentally sound, and look for ways to reduce our carbon footprint.

# Julie Shortreed

Candidate -Councillor Ward 1

- 1. My name is David Lawson. My grandfather first built in the Dorset area in 1948, my father built his own place in 1957, I moved here full time in 1999. After 40 years working for Xerox I am now retired, looking for ways to give back to the community I joined the Dorset Lions Club 2 years ago and am now a director with them. I enjoy fishing and working with wood.
- 2. Affordable housing is an issue not just in Algonquin Highlands but in all areas. I feel that all levels of government has to work with private developers to help resolve the problem, organizations like Habitat for Humanity play a key role in this objective.
- 3. Economic development is not based on how many settlement areas are present in an area. With today's economy more people are working from home or their cottages so the best thing to do is to encourage companies like Highland Internet to grow. I know that there are now 3 different companies with antennas on the Dorset lookout tower for internet and increased cell phone coverage.
- 4. As more people retire to what have been their seasonal residences, they expect certain services and some of the conveniences of home to be available - reliable internet, for example. How can we go about helping to ensure these services exist. This question is linked to question 3 where the same services are required for both. Additionally places like the Health Hub in Dorset have become a necessary part of the community.
- 5. Climate change is causing our weather to be a little more

- 1. My name is Julie Shortreed and I am running for council in Sherborne Ward 1 Algonquin Highlands. I grew up as a cottager and moved to Dorset in 1988 where I have lived since. I just retired from Scotiabank after 35 years where I was a small business manager. Now that I am retired I have the time and energy to give back to my community and feel that my career has given me the experience I need to be on council.
- 2 & 3. After talking to numerous residents and business owners I feel that the lack of affordable housing in this township is a need that must be addressed. Without affordable housing our economic development will slow down unless we find a way to bring and keep the younger workforce in this area. Therefore it is imperative to work with our neighbouring Townships to be successful in this area as well as other initiatives that will benefit everyone.
- 4. Technology is changing the world rapidly and we need to support the Eastern Ontario Regional Network initiative that has all three levels of government contributing millions of dollars to increase cell towers in our area which in turn will give everyone the chance to have internet where they live, work and play.
- 5. Lastly climate change is something that will always need to be addressed, Mother Nature is what brings a lot of people to Algonquin Highlands and keeps our economy going strong. We need to protect what we have for now and in the future.

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Jennifer Dailloux Candidate -Councillor Ward 3

1. My family and I came to Algonquin Highlands permanently in 2014 as the new owner-operators of the Wolf Den Nature Retreat at Oxtongue Lake - a business and a community that we simply love. We host families and outdoors groups on their way into or out of Algonquin Park, and it's amazing to share in their excitement as they discover how beautiful our corner of the world is. I've been camping up here my whole life and have always felt that my heart belonged in this area.

Our move marked quite a departure from my professional career, however. For 17 years I was a humanitarian and policy advocate overseas, focused on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of aid to war-torn and developing countries such as Afghanistan, Peru and Sudan. It was an extraordinary career, and it allowed me to build up certain skill sets that I feel are pretty relevant to council work. I have devoted hundreds of hours to consulting with communities. I have managed multimillion dollar budgets that combine immediate service delivery with long-term strategic goals and emergency reserves. I have investigated problems that can only be addressed through advocacy to higher tiers of government, and have undertaken that advocacy. While the context in Haliburton might look vastly different to the countries I've worked in in the past, these skills are part and parcel of what our Algonquin Highlands councillors do every day of the week.

2. The environment, first and foremost. And not only because the environment is important in-and-of itself (which it very much is), but because unlike most modern human settlements every element of life in Algonquin Highlands hinges upon it. This is quintessential Canadian cottage country. Our dreams are here. Our peaceful summers are here. Our ability to reboot our minds from hectic city life depends on our

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ability to escape here, to the quiet, the loons, the chipmunks, the perfect air, the feeling we get when we dip our toes into the lake for the first time each summer. The abundance of this environment is why our community - and therefore our economy - exists. The majority of our local businesses are cottager-dependent. Grocery stores, cafes, water and septic businesses, contractors, real estate agents, outfitters, firewood suppliers.... Can you name one local business in AH whose bottom line would not be impacted by something as seemingly 'simple' as a persistent blue-green algae bloom in our lakes? I can't.

So - what to do? We have to keep the protection of the environment front and centre in all municipal decisions. Zoning & bylaw changes, resource allocations, economic development plans - the works - should pass the environmental protection test before being approved. Will it help, or will it harm? Additional measures to protect the environment, such as creating incentives for shoreline naturalization, should be very seriously considered and implemented where possible. Thankfully, our Environment & Stewardship Committee is active and dedicated to help guide council along in this regard.

- 3. The bulk of our township's economy does not function along a 'downtown core' model. Instead, we have a healthy number of local businesses (contractors, tradespeople, other services) dotted around our lakes, and a thriving resort community up at Oxtongue Lake, where I live. And when I say local, I really mean LOCAL. Family-owned businesses and sole proprietorships far outstrip the presence of large companies whose profits are siphoned out of our economy, and hurray for that! I think most people would agree that while attracting new business is good, we're not trying to urbanize AH here. For me, the more important question is how we can extend the high season of our permanent businesses, boost their low season, and thereby increase job security. This keeps resources circulating locally on a more sustainable basis. Step #1 is to advocate for cell phone and internet services in our seriously under-serviced area, which I've heard many people say would have a direct impact on their ability to bring work up and stay at the cottage longer than they currently do. Increased days means more trips in to Robinson's and our local farmers markets, more services needed, more products desired. And the difference between every other weekend at the cottage and a month at the cottage could mean more improvements to cottage structures, more driveways re-surfaced, more gardens planted. And that means that greater financial stability for our local businesses, better job security, and theoretically, a more attractive economic setting to draw new businesses and services to the area.
- 4. The call for engaging proactively with the major cell phone and internet providers in an effort to extend their coverage around AH is clear. While providing coverage is not the mandate of the municipality itself, safety and security and economic development both are, and both would receive a clear boost in our township with improved connectivity to the outside world. The municipality has already worked hard to secure the commitment of major companies and that experience has often been frustrating, although the fruits of those efforts are now starting be reaped: in September's council meeting alone, submissions came in from both Bell and Rogers to put up new towers.

Line-of-sight issues are a significant and legitimate concern for some cottagers and residents. I think extra effort should go into making sure that all possible sites for towers are clearly evaluated, that those evaluations be made public, and that reasonable measures be seriously considered if and when alternate locations are identified which are better for property owners but come at a known cost.

Internet is only one service that retirees (and young families, and just about anyone else who is contemplating a move to AH) would look for, however. A permanent doctor would also be high up on the 'pros' list. Ensuring we don't lose any more rural schools is critical if we want to retain young families. These services, like the internet, lie outside of the direct jurisdiction of the township. But to keep our community thriving, municipalities have to roll up their sleeves and engage in creative problem solving when those opportunities present themselves.

5. Climate change rears its ugly head in AH in immediate and highly localized ways, such as hotter summers, more extreme weather patterns (like September's windstorm and last

spring's flooding), and a heightened risk of the nightmare we all share: forest fires. But we're also impacted through our interconnectedness with global stresses. Food prices in our local stores increase as foreign and national harvests fail to thrive,

Local communities can make a difference in a thousand small ways. We must become more conscious of the materials we use to build, the technologies we employ to keep our homes, cottages and vehicles energy efficient, and the distance our food has travelled. We must become conscientious and principled consumers. Each time we 'buy local' and 'buy better', we reduce our individual carbon footprint. How council can incentivize these better consumer choices is an exciting conversation, and an essential one.

The most exciting initiative we have in Algonquin Highlands to this end has got to be Harvest Haliburton. HH focuses on strengthening local food systems in our county: from seed distribution to local food production, consumption, and even green waste management. By keeping our food sources as local as possible we're bolstering our community resilience and diminishing our collective carbon footprint. This is precisely the kind of endeavour that council can – and does - support.

Where climate change is concerned, it's the sum of many small measures that counts, and council can encourage, evoke, sponsor and celebrate these measures in countless ways.



Brian Lynch . Candidate Councillor Ward 3

- 1. My wife and I relocated to our current home on Livingstone Lake Rd. in 1999. I am retired from a career in both the profit and not for profit sectors that gave me experience in finance, HR and building and property management.
- 2. There are numerous issues facing the township today. The pristine nature of our landscape is what brings folks to the area. As such it must be maintained. We are addressing the issue in many ways. First with our septic inspection issue but also with our new official plan which gives protection to wetlands and shorelines. It is difficult at times to see our planning process which supports our efforts to be in conflict with the province which supersedes our sphere of authority.
- 3. The largest issue that we hear about is the lack of affordable housing and the lack of rental housing in the township. How to tackle this is difficult and in the next four years we will have to work with the County and the province to work toward solutions.
- 4. Reliable internet is probably cited as a major complaint by more people than any other issue. We have encouraged telecommunications companies to spend their capital dollars in Algonquin Highlands. We have seen some progress in this area and have been assured that more service is coming soon.
- 5. Climate change is and will impact our communities in the coming years. For that reason we will be examining our infrastructure to see that any improvements take into account the effects of severe weather. We will be looking at improvements to flood mapping as we look at infrastructure and other building projects. We will also need to consider wetlands and how they aid us in flood mitigation.



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Carol Moffatt Mayor

Algonquin **Highlands** 

Note: Carol Moffatt was acclaimed as mayor of Algonquin Highlands. She's chosen to answer the following questions sent to candidates.

1. I was born and raised in Etobicoke, Ontario, grew up as a 3rd generation cottager on Beech Lake, and have been a permanent resident at downtown Boshkung since 1991.

I have a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and an Honours diploma in Print & Broadcast Journalism.

I'm a photographer, historian and passionate supporter of the Haliburton Highlands. I've worked in journalism, advertising, tourism marketing and communications. I've had the privilege of extensive travel and am smitten with remote photography adventures.

I helped my husband run two businesses for almost 20 years, an electrical contracting company and a commercial diving business; and together we bought, renovated, leased, and operated two local restaurants between 1991 and 2001.

I've had the honour of meeting amazing people and learning more than I could have imagined about the Haliburton Highlands (and beyond) through volunteering with numerous organizations involved in literacy, trails, tourism, economic development, community radio, heritage and much more. I'm most proud to have started the Stanhope Museum and for being responsible for the restoration of the Hawk Lake Log Chute and the creation of its interpretive park.

I'm entering my fourth term on council and my third as Mayor. I've been elected County Warden twice by my peers, in each of 2013 and 2016.

2. The 2016 census tells us that growth in Haliburton County is greater than the provincial average. Seasonal folks are spending more time at, or retiring to, the cottage and with that, there's an understandable shift in perspectives about priorities and necessities. Some want to preserve the cottage feeling of their generational experiences while others want to more, faster, better. As a cottager-turned-resident, I certainly understand both perspectives.

To me, the biggest issues aren't roads or dump hours, they're foundational: what does high speed look like; what's the future of our landfills; are we on the right track regarding lake health, shorelines and species at risk; are regulations and enforcement services adequate; how will new firefighting regulations affect us; what about short term rentals; and what should be our approach on economic development in a township with only half of a town and a variety of hamlets. This doesn't even include the non-municipal portfolios of health care, housing, workforce gaps, and keeping our aging population safe and socialized.

I believe Algonquin Highlands is at an exciting crossroads where some big discussions need to be held about what the municipality will be in the future.

In light of all this, some difficult (and probably unpopular) discussions will need to be held about shorelines, lawns, waterfront use, rentals, recycling, naturalization and other issues that have the potential to damage our lake systems and thus, our economy, our lifestyle, our ability to attract people and business - and just about everything we value.

These discussions are likely to be contentious because where some see good stewardship and progressive thinking. others see meddling and over-management. This is especially true around decisions where increased services or government involvement mean more rules and enforcement, which in turn means increased staff, costs ... and taxes.

Good governance requires ongoing evaluation of our collective value position as a community. Doing this involves continued public education about how municipal government works; about the weight and challenge of operational resources, timelines and costs; and how upper levels of government fit into the mix of decision-making.

To stay ahead of all this, councils needs to be informed, en-

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gaged, strategic, patient and prepared. The role has changed drastically since I was first elected and it's now (or should be considered) a much bigger job than it ever was.

In the bigger picture, there's increasing public interest an evaluation of a single tier government. I've been researching this for several years and am confident with what I would bring to that analysis. Based on conversations I've had with folks, it's highly misunderstood so there would need to be a clearer understanding of how it works; of the pros and cons; the gains and losses.

As Mayor, I look forward to participating in all these discussions and will remain as attentive to the changing landscape as I can. I'll continue to foster fulsome council discussions; to liaise with lake associations and community groups; and to encourage a broader public involvement.

3. Economic development has to be handled differently in AH because it only has part of Carnarvon and half of Dorset. However, small entrepreneurial business is alive and well in AH, and the municipality is supportive of those efforts through such organizations as the County's Tourism Department, the HCDC, the Lake of Bays Economic Development Committee, the Dorset Community Partnership and the Hillside-Oxtongue Lake-Dwight (HOLD) cooperative.

I acquired permission from the province to include the Lake of Bays side of Dorset in the development of the AH Cultural Plan which has numerous action items attached to economic development, and the community-based Cultural Resources Committee continues to wind its way through that large and opportunity-filled report.

A business park at Stanhope Airport is in progress, although it's a slow process because council committed to small, incremental growth there, which continues to be successful.

There are always opportunities to foster or support small business and I do believe we could do a better job on this but for a lack of municipal resources to oversee and assist.

We've occasionally chatted about creating an AH Economic Development Committee however, I firmly believe that role belongs at the County level to take advantage of the bigger picture, collaboration, and related opportunities. I've raised this during County budget discussions for the last few years and will do so again this time around.

- 4. Answered this in Question 2.
- 5. Climate change and its impacts weave themselves into all manner of community management including fleet management, capital purchases, healthy lakes, building requirements, greenhouse gas emissions, emergency management, water levels, flooding and its associated problems, and more. It needs special attention and relationships.

AH supported the Love Your Lakes program and the enhanced shoreline preservation bylaw; the Disaster Mitigation funding for LiDar watershed mapping, and in 2017 created a new Environment & Stewardship committee. AH continues to make energy-efficient capital investments.

AH was the first municipality in the County of Haliburton to commit to a lids-off septic inspection program, and had previously undertaken an inspection program when the Health Unit was still responsible for septics. Year One of the 5-year program is coming to a close and we look forward to the results.

Our working relationship with TSW through the Upper Trent Watershed Management Partnership (UTWMP), of which I'm co-chair, is paramount, since our "new normal" of water level fluctuations creates additional challenges that reach out into community and municipal management.

The recent discovery of a blue-green algae bloom in AH as well as other municipalities within and outside the county borders should be a warning bell to all.

There's much to do in this rather overwhelming portfolio and I'll be asking the new council to review the municipality's role and direction on it.

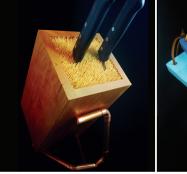
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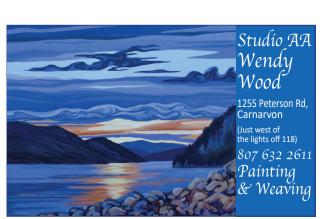




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### Joining the art tour

Hundreds of people who appreciate art were out for the opening weekend of the 31st Haliburton County Studio Tour, which included Cathy Taylor's studio in Minden. Taylor is a mosaic artist, who uses clay and glass tessarae pieces of varying sizes to create vivid images often inspired by nature. This is Taylor's second year on the studio tour. There are 29 studio locations with more than 35 artists across the county participating in the tour, which continues Oct. 6 to 7. /DARREN LUM Staff





Watercolour painter Gord Jones demonstrates his process, working out a future painting from an image on his tablet during the 31st Haliburton County Studio Tour at the residence and studio location of Cathy Taylor, also an artist on the studio tour.





# Six candidates vying for two seats in Ward 1

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property tax Minden Hills residents received this year was unacceptable.

John Teljeur and Ron Nesbitt are running for the township's councillor-at-large position, currently held by Nesbitt.

"I've been a councillor for four years, and I love what I do," Nesbitt said. "I'm dedicated, I'm honest, straight up. Maybe some people don't like that, but that's who I is [sic], and that's how I'm going to stay. I can see the town improving, and we got a long way to go yet. So, read my brochure, it'll tell you all about me. Thank you very much.'

Teljeur, who's worked in the hotel industry and is a community organizer, told the room he's lived in the community for the bulk of his life, and it's where he wants his eight-yearold daughter to grow up.

"We want her to be in a community of possibilities," he said, adding, "unfortunately, what is happening is we are jeopardizing those possibilities," before taking aim at the arena rehabilitation project, which council has awarded to an Ottawa-based company and is slated to cost up to \$10 million.

'The project doesn't reflect the overall needs of this community, not now, and not in the future," Teljeur said.

In Ward 1, the former Anson, Hindon and Minden township, there are six candidates, vying for the two seats that represent the ward.

"Let me tell you what the election is about, in my opinion," said candidate Richard Bradley. "The people with the vote have the power right now, and people will say that politicians take that power away from me with their vote. I want your vote, I do not want to take that power away from you."

"I want to advocate for you with that power," said Bradley, who noted he had the flexibility in his IT career to do the job. He said some of his priorities included flooding, "or, not flooding," health care, roads, taxes, affordable housing, a boat ramp for Bob Lake and a sidewalk along the Highway 35 corridor in Minden.

"There is an important question that needs to be answered in Ward 1, and that question is, why should you vote for Clayton Cameron?" said Clayton Cameron. "And the reason you should vote for Clayton Cameron is experience. I have experience to guide Minden Hills for the next term of

Cameron, a previous municipal councillor, referred to his 28-year career as a public works superintendent, including 16 years with part of what is now the Township of Minden Hills, where he was responsible for roads, water, sewer, landfills, parks, recreation and cemeteries, as well as delivering departmental budgets.

"I am a person that gets things done," he said.

Bob Carter worked for years as a corporate executive, mostly running IT and engineering departments. Five years ago, he and his wife Dr. Nell Thomas, Minden's physician, moved to the community.

Carter is a volunteer driver for Haliburton Highlands Health Services, president of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization, and is a member of the Minden Hills planning and development committee, and housing task force.

"Through these endeavours, I've learned about some of the needs in our community," Carter said, adding that a major one was the chronic shortage of housing.

"It affects the young, the old, it affects singles and families, it affects those who need assistance, and those who don't,'

"I'm a reasoned guy, I like to have all the facts in front of me before I make a decision," Carter said. "I'm not always going to give the answer that you want, but I'll make the best decision for our community.

Jennifer Hughey was raised in Minden, attended Archie Stouffer Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School before attending Ryerson University, where she obtained a journalism degree. Living in the GTA, Hughey worked for Rogers Media for a decade before returning to the community a few years ago. She was editor of the The Highlander newspaper before starting her own business as a freelance project manager. Hughey volunteers with Minden Hills events committee, the culinary task force, the Minden Hills housing committee, Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library, and at ASES.

"If there's one thing that I can do for you, it'll be my job to be transparent, to keep things public," she said.

Fellow Ward 1 candidate Rob Luke, a former EMS manager, said through conversations with residents, he's discovered that housing is one of the biggest concerns in the township, "both for seniors and the young folks that are coming along in life. Also, the biggest concern of the lakefront people is the



Mayor candidate Jarrett Campbell answers a question while current Mayor Brent Devolin looks on during the all-candidates meeting on Sept. 27 at the Minden Hills Community Centre. There was a strong showing of people with every seat filled, leaving only standing room on sides and back of the centre. /DARREN LUM

water, and the fact that the effort of the upper-tier government has been lacklustre, to say the least."

Luke said there needed to be better flood preparedness efforts in the community, and more action on the housing shortage.

"I'd like to work towards a better understanding of the housing problem, and work towards a better and long-term goal, than what has been put forward before," he said.

Dwight Thomas, a retired paramedic, is also seeking one of the two seats in Ward 1.

"I'm running for council because I think I can help improve Minden Hills," Thomas said. "I think I have the education, I have the knowledge, and I have the caring interest, because Minden is my home."

"I think three things that the council really needs, that you need and I want . . . first of all, it's truth," Thomas continued. "Let's find out what is really happening, There are some laws that don't allow us to tell everything, but I'm sure there are more things going on that the public should know about."

"Trust," he said, "trust, when you speak to me, I will keep your information personal. And respect, which covers all of

In Ward 2, the former Lutterworth township, Mike Grozelle is running against current Councillor Pam Sayne, who is seeking to reclaim her seat.

"It shows with the number of people here, there is huge interest in this election," said Grozelle, who owns and operates a construction business.

Grozelle said township departments need to be properly funded, and employees properly trained, if problems such as ongoing issues at the Scotch Line landfill are to be dealt with.

"What I've noticed, the last little while, is that dump up there owes me almost \$1,200 in tires," he said. "But when you talk to the heads of any one of the departments here, the infrastructure isn't there.'

"If you want to get rid of the seagulls and the bears, cover it," Grozelle said. "Buy the man the equipment he needs to compact it down, bury it properly, and we won't have the issues. Most of the issues will look after themselves if these guys have the money to do what they need to do."

Sayne said the election was a chance for residents to tell her

"I was inspired by community members that have encouraged me to run for a second term on Minden Hills council," she told the room. "I believe I have the skills and the motivation to present your issues on council and provide leadership in solving community concerns. I would like to continue to be your voice on council. Do I have the strength to endure, to live up not only to your expectations of me, but also to my own expectations of myself to be a good leader? I believe the answer is yes to that. In this election you'll have the opportunity to tell me if you think I'm on track with that."

In Ward 3, the former Snowdon township, Russ Duhaime is running against incumbent Councillor Jean Neville.



One questioner asks the candidates about affordable housing for the young and the old at the all-candidates meeting held on Thursday, Sept. 27 at the Minden Hills Community Centre.

"We have lots of important issues, with a lot of needs and a lot of wants," said Duhaime, a recently retired educational assistant and former journalist. "We want our landfills properly managed and the seagulls all gone. We want high-speed internet from one end of the county to the other. We want economic development so that young people can find jobs here. We want affordable housing so that the same young people can afford to live here. We want good roads, we want manageable taxes, we want our arena and community centre built on time, and on budget."

Duhaime added whoever was elected would need the energy to carry these things out.

Neville, who is seeking her third term on Minden Hills council, told the room she'd lived most of her life in the township, where she raised three sons and where they are

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now raising their children.

"I want my grandchildren to have a environmentally healthy, safe and prosperous community in which to grow," she said. "I was also raised in a family that didn't waste anything and reused everything possible. I advocate eliminating organic waste from the landfill, encouraging less waste altogether. I recommend bylaw changes that support more affordable housing."

Sitting on the committees for the Irondale and Lochlin halls, "I've worked to raise money supporting these halls, that before my tenure, received no tax dollars from the municipality," Neville said.

"I think you have to earn the right to represent your community, and I believe I have," she said.

### On the arena project

Resident Patrick Walshe asked Devolin why a feasibility study and usage and attitudes study had not been completed for the planned \$10-million reconstruction of the Minden Hills Community Centre and S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, and asked his competitors if they would "commit to stop the development of this nonsense" until thorough studies had been completed and reviewed.

"This council inherited a report from 2014 that this building was at risk, both in terms of the structure and in terms of the [ice] plant, for failure, and the ammonia that's contained within it," Devolin said, emphasizing the latter factor can be dangerous, even fatal. "There has been two and half years ... we've analyzed this, there has been public input and we've heard from many that they want a renewed facility that will last for the next 40 years, just like this one has lasted for the last 40 years."

Campbell said he was in favour of revisiting the process.

"100 per cent, let's pump the brakes," Campbell said. "This is out of control. There is no reason that one person or one company should be getting a \$10-million job without checking with at least three or four other people. Let's find out why we're paying \$10 million. Totally out of control."

Council agreed to sole-source the project to a lone bidder, an Ottawa-based company.

"I agree with Mr. Campbell, first of all, I'd stop the process immediately," Hancock said. "First of all, this single-tender approval is wrong. We need to go back to the marketplace, we need the feasibility study, we need to understand the operating costs. There's a lot to this. It's a major project. It needs to stop now."

Nesbitt, who sat on the task force for the project, said a lot of work had gone into it.

"When the arena first came into our hands, we didn't just put our hand up, we did a lot of research," Nesbitt said. "I'm talking hours and hours. So, if you think for one minute, that we just jumped into the water, it didn't happen. We did a lot of research, to make sure we were making the right decision."

"If we'd jumped in the water, we'd have a pool on this project," Teljeur said. "The fact of the matter is, if it was such an urgency to build this thing, two things don't make sense. Why did it take the entire tenure of this council, the effective tenure, to come to a decision? They had four yea to put this together. If it was such a struggle to get this done, they could have gone with a \$2.4 million proposal that was there [in the 2014 report], and built it quicker, but they took four years to come to this, and this is a \$10-million purchase we can't

While the question had initially only been intended for mayoral candidates, Brezina opened up the floor to any other candidates who wished to weigh in.

Neville said the process had been an in-depth one.

"This was discussed this morning and if you'd attended council this morning, you would have heard a thorough report on this," Neville said. "It's not that we jumped into the water on this. It was a four-year task force that investigated this community centre upgrade, and it is necessary for this community."

# On landfills

Candidates were asked how they would go about solving myriad issues at the township's landfills, issues that have included two clean-up orders from the MOE issued for the Scotch Line landfill last year.



Minden resident Lois Rigney asks the candidates about eliminating wards. /DARREN LUM Staff

"There's a lot changing . . . I want to say so much, and I have to be so brief," said Sayne. "I've got to say, we've got to reduce our waste, as individuals, as organizers, we need to organize ourselves better as staff, and as council, and what we take on and our contracts. There's a lot of co-ordination that needs to be done. It's not a 15-second issue, it has to do with that we're a wasteful society, and we've got to learn how to recycle and reuse better."

"I've talked to [property and environmental operations manager] Ivan [Ingram] a couple of times about the dump and I actually have his development plan here in front of me, the problem is, if you don't have the money to be able to buy the equipment that you need to control the bears, the seagulls, bury the dump, bus the larger stuff, it's going to get out of hand, and it is out of hand," said Grozelle. "They need the infrastructure to be able to buy the equipment they need to do the job properly."

"There are a couple of things that seem odd to me," said Thomas. "Why don't we spend some money . . . towards improving these? To get the compactors? To do something with the dump, because it is a dump, that's all it is. Maybe incinerate it, who knows . . . the dump leaches into the water table, period."

"The situation has gotten to the point now where, really something has to be done with this," said Luke. "It's gone on too long, and, as my colleagues have said, we don't have the infrastructure to look after this thing properly. We haven't got the money, we haven't put the money aside for it, and we haven't planned for it, and this is sad. And I think we need to start and do a heck of a lot more about that in the future."

"We as a community need to do better," said Hughey. "We need to do better at recycling, we need to do better at sorting our garbage, and we need to do something about organic waste. Honestly, it's disgusting when we all go up there, and it doesn't need to be. So again, it is about the money, it is about transparency, and it's about all of those questions that you have, to be answered."

"As I've gone around knocking on doors, I've heard so many stories, so many rumours, so many allegations and reports about this issue, I have no idea what's the truth and what's fiction," Carter said. "So, obviously there's something there... and it's something we need to study and we have to come up with the right plan for our community."

"I live across the road from the landfill," said Cameron. "I'm the only one here that hears the trucks starting at four o'clock in the morning out there, moving the containers around. We need a whole new plan for the dump, and I think it can be done. The answer's the entrance to the [Scotch Line] landfill needs to be taken further to the west, come in on a level spot there and then work on dumping the garbage down, rather than pushing it up."

"Well, how about electricity? How about a scale?" said Bradley, adding modernizations would help keep better track of exactly what's going into the landfill. "It's been contracted out for so long, and there seems to be so many people working there on various things . . . maybe this should be done



Reverend Canon Joan Cavanaugh asks the candidates about allowing "granny flats" in Minden Hills. Cavanaugh said accommodations for an aging population is becoming more of a concern.

by staff, who actually are accountable and reportable to their direct supervisors and to council, as opposed to being contracted out."

Minden Hills contracts out the operation of its landfills, and council recently voted to award a contract to Watson's, the company that previously looked after its landfill, after a contract with company Highlands Environmental expired.

"Like Bob's comments, I've heard lots of things and it's hard to tell fact from fiction and I think we need to bring a lot more clarity to the situation, and certainly a lot more accountability," Teljeur said. "Certainly whatever the cause is, we can't keep paying for these costs that are being absorbed, because the MOE is coming after us. We're going to lose that dump, if we're not careful."

"We have talked in council, today, I can't really say because it was in closed, but we are working on this, as we speak, and for the last, quite a few months," said Nesbitt. "OK, but we have to work together on this. It can't just be, the council working, it has to be everybody working together."

"First of all, this is probably one of the hugest liabilities the township is looking at," said Hancock. "It's environmental, we have leachate, we have all kinds of problems on that site and a number of other sites. There is some problem . . . and I'm not sure the root of it, it must be at the management level, and council should be stepping in to take care of this problem. It's not operating properly right now."

"We received in the last year, an approval for a 25-year

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# Candidates discuss changing ward system

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plan," said Devolin, "that we will be moving forward with. Council's not very happy with the rate of what's gone on there, and certainly we have made two changes, and will continue to make changes until there's the appropriate outcome."

The township has switched landfill attendant contractors and also the consulting company it uses to take readings at

"I was born here, I grew up here," Campbell said. "Sunday afternoon was a drive to look over the dump to the bottom of the hill, to see what was down there. We're looking up a mountain, and I agree with Richard. I think this should be in-house, and run by staff of Minden Hills, and let's see if we can't get a cap on what's going on here. There's some opportunities with that dump, as well as some disadvantages."

"I 'ditto' what Brent just said," said Neville. "I was going to mention the 25-year plan and the issue's money. We need to remove all our organic waste from the dump. We have to not be making so much waste or recycling, get rid of singleuse drinking bottles," she said, picking up one of the bottles that had been provided for candidates. "We all have to work at this.'

'Good waste management is very expensive, bad waste management is more expensive," said Duhaime. "Your question was when are we going to do it? It needs to happen right

### On housing

Heather May of Aging Well Haliburton noted that the township has a housing task force and studies.

'We need housing, now, for the elderly, and for the young," May said. "Can you tell me what you will do, in the next four years, about housing?'

"I think it starts with our bylaws, our building, our inspections," said Campbell. "We were trying to build and the hoops and red tape, it's insane. I own a small piece of property in town and would love a tiny house community. But there are some awfully big obstacles in its way."

"I'm actually going to agree with Jarrett on this," said Devolin. "The biggest obstacle is the Ontario Building Code, and it lags more than a decade behind the realities and what your public expectations are. And, we need them to change it so we can have tiny houses, and lots of other initiatives in

"I'm going to suggest that we have to start at the province," said Hancock. "I think we should be approaching the province for some funding for this program. I think it's critical and you can talk about zoning, you can talk about where you are with building code, but we need some money to help subsidize this program and get something built."

"We did Phase 1, now we're going to make a Phase 2," said Nesbitt, in reference to the Pinegrove Place affordable housing development near the arena, "and I'm 100 per cent for tiny houses.'

"A tiny home development could be built here," said Teljeur. "This is about political will. You can rezone a piece of property to be an RV park and it's perfectly allowable under the building codes right now. I helped a gentleman and his wife about two weeks ago, when it got cold bring wood to their house, they have no options, they're living in what at best, is described as a shack. They couldn't even do this; they couldn't get a tiny home, because right now, it's not available. It's not going to solve all the problems, but it's certainly

"For the funding, I mean [HKLB MPP Laurie Scott] said for years that we've been abandoned by the previous government," said Bradley. "She's now a minister in the government. I think we need to knock on her door, as well as Jamie Schmale, who is at the federal level, when housing projects come along. It's not that we don't have a part to play, like donating land and other things when we can, and money as well as money from the county.'

"The county and the province are the ones that need to look after housing," said Cameron. "Housing is just too much for the local level to try and support."

"I think if we wait for the province and the country to come to our aid, we're going to be waiting an awful long time," said Carter. "We're a little low on the totem pole. I've been working and looking at community bonds, I think we have to start investing in our own community and being our own developers in starting to develop homes on our own."

"Yes, completely agree," said Hughey. "The tiny home ini-

tiative or a senior campus are totally feasible here. If I look around this room, I could probably pick out at least 25 people that are aging to the point where they're not going to be able to maintain a house that they've had their entire life, and those people should be taken care of. They've built this town and we should respect that."

"If we look at all our abilities in the township, I know for a fact, there is an awful lot of people here that have talent," Luke said. "And, there is a good, strong viable group out there, that is working hard to put this in action. I think we need to get behind them and support them, but we also need to count on our federal people and also our provincial people, and get them out of this rhetoric."

"I agree that the province is the place that we have to hit first," said Thomas. "I have no problem knocking on Laurie Scott's door, I know her very well, but it has to come from there and we have to have some initiative from our side to push there. I know it's been done, and tried before, not successfully, obviously. I don't mind mixed housing, I don't mind the tiny houses idea, I don't mind any of them, but the bylaws, we can do something with the bylaws. If you put a second unit on your own lawn that you have a house on, and are restricted to a certain size, you can put a tiny house on that. The bylaws change.'

"I look at Hunter Creek Estates for an example," Grozelle said. "I don't think people want to rent, I think that they want to own. And I watch the houses in there go . . . they've sold 25 or 30 of those in the last two years . . . so there's a need for them. If we had one of those, at our level, that we looked after and that we maintained, and you pay the lot fees for. I think we could put another 100 units in there, and they would sell."

"I think we could do something better with our rezoning," said Sayne. "I think it is political will."

"I was on the committee for the first housing rights conference back in 1990, it was our only national housing rights conference. I've worked on housing ever since then with several different organizations and co-operative housing and different models. We've got to put our words behind what our housing task force is doing in Minden Hills here. They're working very hard and we've got to support, all the way, their

The need's been identified clearly," said Duhaime. "What council needs to do is find ways to make it happen, which is eliminate the zoning bylaws that are standing between accomplishing that goal.'

"We've got to work at adhering our bylaws to allow tiny houses, garden suites, granny flats, and this bylaw about one having one kitchen on a property instead of two . . . I've got a big enough house, but I can't have two kitchens on one property," said Neville.

### On the ward system

Resident Lois Rigney asked if it was possible to discard the ward system, and hold municipal elections at large in Minden Hills.

"I'm going to say why not . . . I think any of us would do a good job," said Hughey. "I think it's a very archaic system, and I'd be happy to get rid of it."

"Sure," said Carter, "I don't feel strongly either way on this one. There's some good parts to having wards, because then you have people who look after a smaller area, but I agree it's a small community."

"Yes, it can be done, and it would be done through the council," said Cameron, explaining the township's proposal would then go to the provincial level for approval.

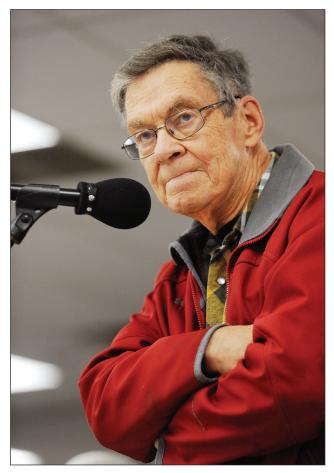
"It can happen," said Bradley, who added he could see some drawbacks. "Kind of like the Ghostbusters questions, 'who you gonna call?' . . . In a way, I do kind of like the ward system . . . you have a go-to person."

"I think that anything that ends up saving money for taxavers [is beneficial]," said Telieur, "If we can streamline things to make them more effective, providing we protect the interests of the voters . . . I think anything like that is a good

Hancock said he would ultimately like to see the number of councillors in Minden Hills shrink.

"Yes, you have the ability to have your councillors elected at large, that's possible and you can reduce the number of council," Hancock said. "I believe this township should reduce the number of councillors."

"I'm on the record wanting some electoral reform, both at the lower tier and upper tier," said Devolin, who, earlier this year, pointed out that between the two levels there are 32



In light of how the provincial government has reduced the number of Toronto city council members, Minden resident Neil Campbell asks the candidates about their thoughts on the same thing happening to Minden at the all-candidates meeting for Minden Hills on Thursday, Sept. 27 at the Minden Community Centre./DARREN LUM Staff

separate council seats in Haliburton County. "I think that it would be reasonable for the community and the politicians to have a conversation so that we'd be ready for the next election, because my fear is, there will be something imposed on

"I think it's a logical next step," said Neville. "After our original amalgamation, I think it was necessary that we handle things in a ward situation because some of our wards are less populated and paled by comparison to Minden, but it seems like a great idea to think about at this point."

"To be the odd one out, I'm not a fan," said Duhaime. "I think if you get rid of the ward system, then everything becomes Minden-centric. There's commerce throughout our municipality, there's commercial operations in Gelert and Irondale and in Lochlin, and they need people they can call, and who will understand, and who can be responsive to their concerns.'

"I can tell you as Ward 2 councillor, that I take calls from across Minden Hills, and actually sometimes outside of Minden Hills," Sayne said. "And though I'm in Ward 2 and I pay great concern to my constituents in that area, I do respond across Minden Hills.'

"We haven't even been elected yet, and you're laying us off," quipped Grozelle. "I do agree with it. I think that if you went with less people because of the number of people we have ... anything that'll save taxpayers money.'

Thomas said the origin of the ward system had been to allow the municipality's smaller communities a voice at the table. "I think it was a representative thing that they did then," Thomas said. "But I don't have a problem with everybody elected representing everybody, because if I'm elected and you're in Ward 3, you can still call me. I'll talk to anyone."

"I think it is a real good idea," said Luke. "If you look at it from any standpoint, if you drop two people off of the slate as it stands right now, over four years, you'd save about \$155,000, just right off the bat. So just maybe think about that a little bit. I'm all for it."

Long-time Ward 1 Councillor Lisa Schell has been acclaimed as the township's next deputy mayor. Current deputy mayor Cheryl Murdoch is not seeking re-election. A candidates meeting for the mayoral and deputy mayoral candidates of each of the county's four lower-tier municipalities will take place on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Fleming College campus in Haliburton Village.

Junior kindergarten students joined their class and Grade 7 buddies to participate in the Terry Fox School Run.







ASES students joined in the Terry Fox School Run in various locations around the school property and throughout the community on Sept. 27 to raise funds for cancer research.









# **ASES** runs for Terry

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

Archie Stouffer Elementary School staff and students, wearing stickers noting they were walking for their grandpa, their friend, their aunt or Terry himself, participated in the Terry Fox School Run on Sept. 27.

This year, classes were able to tailor their walk time and route to what suited their schedule best, resulting in a steady student and school presence throughout the community that day. Event organizer and ASES teacher Corinne McArthur said this year students learned more about cancer research and Terry Fox's legacy, aided in part by an educational video produced by the Terry Fox Foundation. She showed her own class a photo of her teenaged niece, who was initially diagnosed with osteosarcoma, like Terry was.

"We've had a lot of tears in our small conversations," she said, adding that students acknowledged family members who they missed, or who had survived a cancer diagnosis, the latter which McArthur said, "shows the power of the fundraising."

Classes were encouraged to join together, enabling students to build relationships between classrooms in the early days of the school year, according to McArthur. Some students did laps in the school field, receiving a sticker for each lap completed, some classes walked together throughout the forest behind the school and many walked downtown or along the town boardwalk that day.

The total amount raised by ASES staff and students was not known at press time, but prior to the day's walk, more than \$400 had been collected.

Top, ASES students joined in the Terry Fox School Run in various locations around the school property and throughout the community on Sept. 27 to raise funds for cancer research.

Right, ASES junior kindergarten students participated in the Terry Fox School Run alongside their Grade 7 buddies. /SUE TIFFIN Staff









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"We're really hoping that this is going to address many concerns that we know have arisen over time with difficulties navigating the health system," Plummer said. "We're hopeful as well that given the vast array of community services that we do offer, it's not always clear for folks which services they should be asking for, and so the intent is to help provide those services without putting expectation on individuals to understand our programs."

### Accessibility in the spotlight

The board approved the new accessibility plan for HHHS, but the CEO told them that the intent is to go beyond what is legally required of the corporation.

HHHS decided to do its own audit to assess what was still needed in its facilities. A member of its accessibility committee, Sarah Levis, was present for the tour and she brought with her two other community members who have disabilities.

"Three individuals came and went through all of our main areas of our Haliburton and Minden facilities as well as our CSS green house next door here and our GAIN building down in Minden," Plummer said. "It was an extremely rewarding experience for us to actually go through this with folks who are living with a disability. One of the key things that we came to really learn was that we've been striving to meet the accessibility standards, but what we really learned was that those standards are often not good enough for most people who are living with disabilities. And so we completely shifted how we are approaching the work that we need to do to improve accessibility and the organization based on the input of those individuals. Some of the feedback they gave us is incorporated into our plan for this coming year."

Board chairman Jeff Gollob said it was frustrating that the law hasn't caught up to

"It's a great irony to come up with a plan that meets a legal requirement, but is deficient in meeting the needs of the people it's intended to benefit," he said.

# New portable X-ray added to Minden hospital

A new, state-of-the-art portable X-ray machine has been purchased for Haliburton Highlands Health Services' Minden site.

Called an "X-ray room on wheels" by the HHHS Foundation, it can collapse to about four feet in height, making it easy to move down hallways and around rooms.

The equipment was purchased using a donation from Dr. Lenora Butler and the late

Charles Butler, who have cottaged in the Minden area for many years.

"We are extremely grateful for this leadership donation, and for Lenora's vision to contribute to the highest quality health care possible for patients in the Haliburton Highlands," Lisa Tompkins, HHHS Foundation executive director, said.

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# **County councillors** encourage heritage road names

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

During an update of Haliburton County's civic addressing bylaw at a Sept. 26 council meeting, councillors said they'd like to include in the resolution encouragement for private road owners to use names that pay tribute to the heritage of the community.

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said that while private road owners can obviously name their roads whatever they want, "Is there any consideration for directing people to potentially heritage-related names, in order to retain the heritage of the community?"

Moffatt pointed out that each of the county's municipalities have cultural plans, heritage-related organizations and museums that would be able to provide historical information relevant to various parts of the county.

"Not to get into telling people what they have to name their roads - they're their roads," she said, but added that perhaps if people had access to some heritage-related choices, they might choose them.

Moffatt said a number of roads have arbitrary or banal names. In one case, she said there had been a proposal to name a road

near Beech Lake using a First Nations word for the waterbody.

"The county denied that, saying it was too difficult to pronounce, and I can't say out loud what I would call that in this meeting," she said. "But now we've lost a piece of history."

Moffatt's colleagues agreed with the idea.

"I know the historical society did a study on historical names and I think it would be pretty easy to get that list," said Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey.

"There's historical context," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. "Can we coach, give a grocery list, if that can be included."

"In the end it's their decision," Devolin said, but agreed that people might choose historical names if they have access to them.

Public works director Craig Douglas said there was a list of names that could be modified, and some wording encouraging the use of heritage names is to be included in the

Moffatt said people may be unaware of interesting things that have transpired on or near their property in the past.

"There might just be something where the property owner says, 'that's cool,'" she said.

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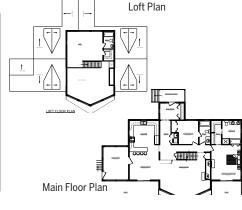
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# New pharmacy set to open in Dorset

# **Dorset**News

Lee Ross burgesslt@me.com

The fall Dorset Community Partnership Group and Fund Meeting was held on Monday Oct. 1 at the Dorset Rec Centre and there was lots on the agenda.

We were introduced to pharmacist Peter Meraw who will be opening the Pharmasave Dorset Drugstore at 1103 Main Street in the coming months. The drugstore will be at the site of the former Avery Audio. Meraw's plan was to be open for Nov. 1 but has pushed it back to December or January. Pharmasave will offer diabetes testing and blood pressure monitoring, among other things. It's too late this year but next fall they will offer flu shots to residents. The pharmacy won't be open weekends right away, they plan to see what the demand is.

Lake of Bays cottager and big S.S. Bigwin supporter Matt Gaasenbeek presented the Dorset Heritage Museum board members a cheque for \$52,100 towards the museum expansion project. Board members Brian Lynch, Pat Zwaal, Kerry Lock, Gord Henderson, Laila McGuire, Norm MacKay and mayor Bob Young were present to accept the cheque, though they were unaware of the amount until Matt handed it over. The

Tower Bistro, located at the Nordic Inn, is hosting a pre-show dinner the night of the Billy Bishop Goes To War production at the Rec Centre. The dinner will be a buffet (menu available on their Facebook page) and the cost is \$40 (tax and gratuity included) and \$20 from each dinner will go to the Hub. Reservations can be made by calling Tower Bistro at 705-766-1666.

Lake of Bays Councillor Ruth Ross was presented with a certificate by DCPF president Clint MacKay on behalf of the DCPF and the town of Dorset for her work in the community and on council. Ruth is stepping down as councillor after 18 years with the township. Congratulations Ruth and thanks for all you do.

The next meeting will be held in the spring. Information will be posted on dorsetcanada. com and Dorset's social media channels closer to the date.

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Lake of Bays cottager Matt Gaasenbeek presented the Dorset Museum Board with a cheque for \$52,100 toward the museum expansion project. /LEE ROSS Special to the Times

# **ALL CANDIDATES MEETINGS**

Come out to meet candidates in the upcoming municipal election, hear what they have to say and ask your questions.

Dysart et al: Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m., Fleming College, Haliburton

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Meetings organized by the county's newspapers and radio stations.



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# Red Hawks build to playoffs

by DARREN LUM Times Staff

Following a 1-nil loss to the Saints of St. Peter Catholic Secondary School, the Red Hawks varsity field hockey team coach Steve Smith told his players to hold their heads high.

On Thursday, Sept. 27 the Hawks showcased their entire roster for the Saints, who controlled most of the game. The Hawks defence, solidified by the goalkeeping of Danaya MacDuff, who had a goal-saving diving stop, held the home side in the game. Much of the second half, the Saints kept the pressure on and held possession of the ball.

Smith wasn't concerned by the loss and said success on the field isn't only measured by the score.

"Success for some of these girls is just being in the sport. So for some of these girls they've never played field hockey before so for them to come out ... just to be in the game is a success. The season is long so the way it is set up it doesn't really matter the overall [record] because everybody makes it to Kawartha [playoffs]," he said. "Kawartha is the time. Right now I play everybody. I want to make sure everybody gets exposed to it and love it."

The Hawks, who are 0-2 now, will play seven more regular season games (as of Friday, Sept. 28). The playoffs will start with the Kawartha championship on Tuesday,

Oct. 16. A week later the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) championship is on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The team has 30 players. There were no

Getting everyone out on the field enabled him to try a variety of combinations.

He calls his players a "talented bunch." This year the program is fielding just one

team instead of two squads. The coaching staff includes HHSS EA Ginny Marsden and teacher Vanessa

Prentice, who commutes from Bancroft. Smith said the coaching staff have liked what they have seen in the fairly young team with mainly Grade 9s and 10s on the roster.

"They are improving daily and we just love the potential that we have," he said.

The team's next home game is this Thursday, Oct. 4. Game start is at 3 p.m.

Red Hawks varsity player Brooke Stover, right, battles a defender for a loose ball during the team's home opener with the Saints of St. Peter Catholic Secondary School on Thursday, Sept. 27 in Haliburton. Although the Hawks lost 1-nil, the coach was less concerned with the score and more with giving everyone on the team an opportunity to play. The team's next home game is this Thursday at 3 p.m./DARREN LUM



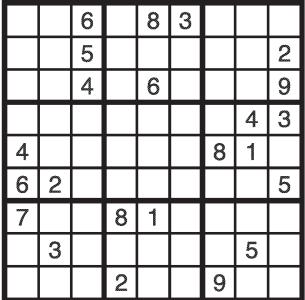
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Answers on page 26

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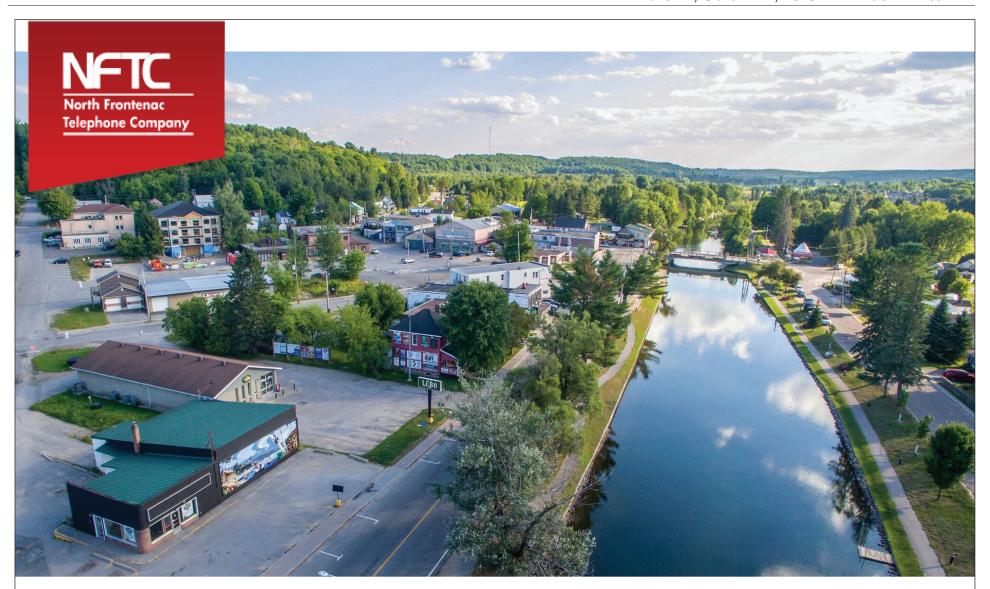
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#### **Juniors undefeated**

The Red Hawks junior quarterback Reese Casey watches his pass during Kawartha High School Football League action on Thursday, Sept. 28 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The Hawks outpaced the Mustangs 35-13. Touchdowns were scored by Camden Marra, two, Jaxon Gill, two, and one by Desi Davies. Extra points were converted by Gill. The team's solid defence (only 13 points allowed in two games) and an efficient offence (55 points for) has kept the juniors undefeated through two games./DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks junior football team's defence was relentless, as seen with this

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### Football action

Red Hawks senior football team's defence contain a Crestwood Mustangs ball carrier during Kawartha High School Football League action on Thursday, Sept. 27 in Haliburton. The visiting Mustangs beat the Hawks 30 - 7. Hawks player Jacob Haedicke scored seven points with a touchdown and deep punt, which was not returned./DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks senior player Kyle Cooper, left, receives instruction from coach Derek Little.

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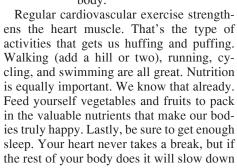
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### Bantams

The Pepper Mill Highland Storm Bantam team travelled to Elmvale Sunday, Sept. 30.

Elmvale welcomed us by scoring two quick goals in the first period. Dylan Keefer scored a goal assisted by Nick Phippen in the second period. Only for them to answer back with another goal making it a 3-1 lead. While the team gave it effort, they fell short in the third period with 7-1 loss. Come out and cheer on the Bantam team on Friday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. in Minden where they will be taking on the Huntsville Otters. Submitted by Monica Keefer

#### **Atoms**

On Sunday, Sept. 30 the Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A Team travelled to the south shore of Georgian Bay to face the Elmvale Coyotes in the second game of the year. The game was off to a rapid start with the Coyotes opening scoring with two of their own in front to accept a pass at the eight-minute mark. One minute later the Storm hit the power play but couldn't get pucks to stay in the Coyote zone. Moments later saw Elmvale with the man advantage

and Storm first year forward Owen Sisson took a strong rush shorthanded nearly scoring at their end. The first period ended with the Storm battling back trying to tie things up with some strong rushes. Minutes into the second period after some pressure Liam Harrison took a penalty leaving the Storm to kill off what would be one of seven penalties. At even strength Elmvale forwards were relentless in moving the puck up the ice testing new defenceman Toby Posti who faced both four-on-one and two-on-one rushes on his own successfully sending the puck back away from the scoring area. Before the second period came to a close Elmvale forwards worked together with their speed and puck movement to score one more goal to add to the total. Despite some more penalty trouble that followed into the third period, Storm forwards continued to leave it all on the ice working hard towards getting the first tally of the game while short handed. Chase Winder stopped some more difficult shots in an effort to keep the Coyotes from adding to the score however the hometown team seemed to find new ways to score which makes the game that much more dramatic. The third period proved nothing short of trying as more Storm players headed to the penalty box serving some of the less common penalties however Elmvale didn't succeed much further with the opportunity only adding one more with a minute to go making the final score 4-0.

The Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A Team will enjoy a few days off before hitting the ice again looking to take their first win of the season facing the Huntsville Otters club on Friday night at A.J. LaRue arena. The puck drops at

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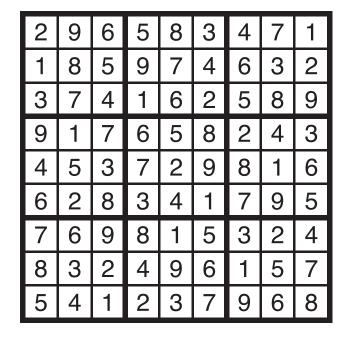
### Haliburton Red Wolves Bowling Scores

Andrea Austin 158, Kim Buie 156, Emily Boccitto 149, Casey Heley 148, Luke Shapiera 144, Skylar Pratt 143 Last week's: Jason Cochrane 210, Casey Heley 198, Andrew Bourgeois 155, Alyssa Whitaker 151, Skylar Pratt 147, Brodie Mason 146

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# Ada Bell Campbell (nee Godridge)

Passed away at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday, September 16, 2018. In her 93rd year.

Beloved wife of the late H. Douglas Campbell. Dear mother of Patricia, John and Wendy (deceased - 2014). Fondly remembered by her extended family in Delta, Brockville and Calgary.

It was Ada's wish for cremation and a Private Family Graveside Service at Minden Cemetery.

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# Major retirement complex proposed for Minden

A multi-million dollar development that would provide housing and nursing care for up to 234 senior citizens has been proposed for Minden. The Anson, Hindon and Minden

municipal council heard from the principals involved in the project at the regular meeting September 26.

The proposal has been suggested by Patricia White, the owner of 513,000 square

feet of property bounded by Highway 35, Prince Street, Newcastle Street and Lyons Street. Appearing with White at the meeting were Victor Heinrichs, a resource planner and Henry Gotfryd, an architec

They told the meeting they plan to develop an integrated retirement community on the site, providing accommodations for seniors ranging from independent housing units to chronic care beds. The development would include a group of semi-detached housing units, apartments as well as facilities for individuals requiring intermediate, extended and chronic care services.

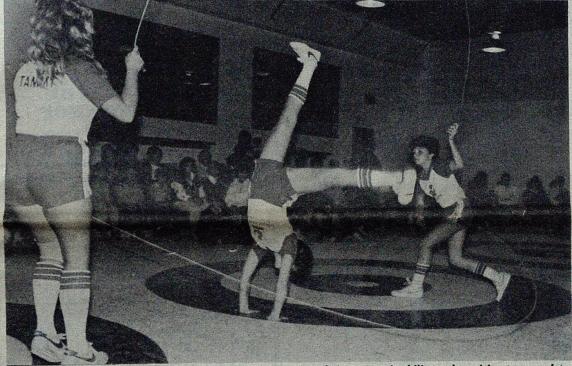
Henrichs told the council that the development would include such services as laundry, a central dining room, recreational area, among others. Those living in the apartments or housing units could take advantage of some or all the facilities as required.

The meeting was told that the developers were willing to begin on the project as soon as next spring. Henrichs pointed out that the independent living centres could be started first while the developers attempted to secure licencing from the Ministry

beds, could be an extremely expensive undertaking. New provincial regulations would require larger living quarters.

It was noted during the discussion that only the Ministry of Health can assign the beds to an area and that they are aften accommodated in conjunction with a hospital or through a non-profit agency.

Henrich said the developers' are ready to proceed with the project as soon as possible. He noted they required zoning change for the land in question, assistance in approaching the provincial government for the necessary licencing which would include the creation of a board of directors representing a cross section of the community, especially those in the health care field, and a



Members of the Lincoln Leapers skipping team demonstrate their gymnastic ability and precision teamwork to a group of youngsters at the Haliburton Squash Club Saturday. The seven member group performed synchronized exercises during the squash club's open house.

# Lions charter night Saturday

Minden will gain another service club this weekend as a new Lions Club will receive its charter Saturday evening

The Minden and District Lions Club comes into being with 23 members, headed by president Robert McNab. The executive of the club includes first vice-president John Stainton, second vice-president Joseph Cannon, third vice-president Jack Hewson and directors Bill Hirstwood and Dr. Anthony Holliday-Rhodes. The club's Lion tamer is Leon Wright and the tail twister is Je- Nicholson. The club secretary is Allan Rice with I rank Dunsford, club secretary.

Club president Bob McNab said a number of dignitaries are expected to be on hand for the evening, including MP Bill Scott, MPP John Eakins, past Lions governors and deputy district governors as well as representatives of area service clubs and organizations.

Past District Governor Charlie Crockford, a member of the Lindsay Lions Club, will be the master of ceremonies and will officiate during the charter

The charter night is planned for the Minden arena, getting underway at 6 p.m. with a social hour and dinner

The following day, those guests who have travelled from Lions Clubs outside the area will be treated to a bus tour of the Haliburton Highlands to enjoy the coloured leaves and take in some of the sights of the area.

# LEAD report looks to future

A report outlining guidelines for the establishment of an economic development strategy for Haliburton County has received the backing of County Council.

The document entitled, "Overview to an Economic Development Strategy Plan," was prepared by the Haliburton Local Employment Assistance Development (LEAD) Corporation and submitted to County Council on September 25 by Program Manager Andy Campbell.

The report will form an appendix to the LEAD submission to the federal government seeking funds for a proposed lending corporation and two "infrastructure" projects; an industrial complex in Haliburton and a building in Minden housing CHACE Place and several retail

outlets. The discussion paper is based on the findings of a report completed in September by the consulting firm of Pannell Kerr Forster that identified specific areas of the economy on which the development strategy should focus

should focus.

The report echoed the findings of two previous studies commissioned by the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation in 1981 and a report by the Ministry of Treasury and Economics issued in May 1979.

The three reports recommend an emphasis on the development of activities and events which will broaden the peak of the tourist season or develop activities which will take advantage of the low season.

(more on page 3)

# Architect's concept of new facility

... see page 2

of Health for those services falling under their control.

He also emphasized that the facilities at the complex would be open to seniors living elsewhere in the community. He said the developers would encourage the integration of the residents and the seniors in the community.

Mr. Gotfryd told the meeting that since the developers would be approaching the Ministry of Health for licencing of certain portions of the facility, they would require the support of the municipal council. Deputy Reeve Ed Pergolas noted there was, at the moment, a desperate need for the chronic care beds in the county. He also said the county had recently learned that 18 chronic care beds had been assigned to the county and suggested the proposed development could be used to accommodate those new beds. The Deputy Reeve also noted that redevelopment of the facility at Hyland Crest, to accommodate the additional commitment from council that if the project were to proceed, the municipality would back their licence applications to the Ministry of Health, even if another similar service moved into the area

Councillor Gary Kenney suggested the council might wish to take the written proposal presented by the developers to the Ministry of Health for a comment. Henrich said they would be delighted if the ministry was approached.

Deputy Reeve Ed Pergolas said the council would be prepared to process the zoning change application as soon as it could be offered. Reeve McKnight suggested the municipality should also be making representation to the Ministry of Health regarding the allocation of the additional beds for the county.

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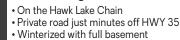




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